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Sun Rises	6 37 A M
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High Water at Wilmington	6 16 P M

The Weather.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 27.

Meteorological data for yesterday:

Temperature: 8 a. m., 41°; 8 p. m., 48°; maximum, 54°; minimum, 41°; mean, 48°.

Rainfall for the day, T.; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, 6 26.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Feb. 25.—At 8 a. m. the stage of water in the Cape Fear river was 24 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

For North Carolina, generally colder; northerly winds.

OUTLINES.

The Spanish Government has authorized a thorough investigation into the cause of the death of Ruiz, who, it is charged, was murdered in a Cuban prison; his American citizenship is settled beyond doubt, —— It is charged that the election of Heitfeld as Senator from Idaho was brought about by corrupt methods. —— A negro rapist and murderer is lynched at Soddy, Tenn. —— The Sanguilly case causes an excited and angry debate in the Senate, in which President Cleveland is denounced. —— Col. John J. McCook declines to enter McKinley's Cabinet as Secretary of the Interior. —— The House passes a bill providing for representation of the United States at any international monetary conference to be held. —— The Treasury Department refuses to allow the steamer Dauntless to leave port. —— Republicans on the Senate Judiciary Committee notify the Democratic members that the nomination of W. W. Clark, of North Carolina, to be District Judge cannot be confirmed. —— It is stated in Havana that Consul General Lee has received instructions from President Cleveland to be cautious in his dealings with the Spanish authorities and to spare no efforts to avoid further friction with them. —— Julio Sanguilly has been released from prison. —— Popular indignation in Greece against the Powers shows no signs of abating; Parliamentary and official opinion strongly favors resistance to the demands of the Powers. —— New York markets: Money on call easy at 1½@2 per cent., last loan at 1½ per cent., closing offered at 1½; cotton steady; middling 7 5-16c; Southern flour was quiet and unchanged; common to fair extra $3 20@3 50; good to choice $3 60@4 00; wheat—spot market dull and easier, closing steady; No. 2 red free on board 88⅞c; corn—spot dull and weaker; No. 2 28⅝c at elevator and 29⅝ afloat; rosin steady—strained common to good $1 70; spirits turpentine firmer at 29@29½c.

Dr. Parkhurst is laid up from nervous prostration caused by overwork. The Doctor tackled a pretty large-sized job when he opened his campaign against the devil in New York.

It is reported that President Cleveland, Secretary Olney and Mr. Uhl, Minister to Germany, will form a law partnership to do business in New York. They should have taken Secretary Carlisle in.

A St. Louis Judge refused to grant a divorce to a couple who had been married for twenty-six years and had fourteen children. The Judge had fourteen reasons for the refusal—the fourteen children.

An old fellow died in Pennsylvania a few days ago, aged 104 years, who although living in sight of railroads ever since they have been running in his State, could never be prevailed upon to board a train.

Things are improving fast out West. Last year there was an increase of 6,770 mortgages in the State of Ohio, aggregating $3,000,000. But what does that matter. Hanna goes to the Senate.

In addition to famine and the bubonic plague the stricken district of India is threatened with a cholera scourge. But people who are dying of starvation and the bubonic plague need not regard the coming of cholera with much alarm.

When Cupid gets a grip on a Georgia man it doesn't make much difference how old he is he tumbles. An old fellow of 90 eloped the other day with a damsel of 60 to prevent his children from interrupting the nuptials.

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

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Hanna remarked when Governor Bushnell announced that he would appoint him Senator, that the Governor "doubtless felt that the sentiment of Ohio towards me was such that he had better make the appointment." When "sentiment" is backed by as big a maul as Hanna wields, it is a pretty hefty thing for a cowardly and vacillating Governor to buck up to.

A town out in Missouri is going to erect a monument to Daniel Boone, and the town in Italy in which Horace was born 1900 years ago is going to erect a monument to him. This is encouraging to people who may have a hankering for monuments.

The heathen Chinee is pretty cute but he can't hold a candle to the thrifty Jap, who is making imitation "Waterbury" clocks, "Eagle" pencils, "sperm" candles and other things, and shipping them to India as American manufactures.

A fisherman, fishing in the Chester river, in Maryland, the other day, made an unusual haul—a brand new sewing machine. The presumption is that the agent was around there somewhere, but he hadn't been caught at the last account.

The New Orleans *States* congratulates that Chicago editor who has been sent to the penitentiary for two years on the nice, quiet time he will have editing his paper free from the annoyance of bores and book agents.

The selection of Mark Hanna for the United States Senator meets the approval of some of the so-called Democratic gold organs. They admire the scoop he made last Fall.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE—Dairy Kitchen.
PETERSON & RULFS—A card.
C. W. POLVOGT & CO.—A card.
STATEMENT—U S Branch Manchester Fire Assurance Co.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Pertinent Paragraphs Pertaining Principally to People and Pointedly Printed.

— Capt. J. M. McGowan has gone to Southport.

— Chief of Fire Department Newman is on the sick list.

— Mr. H. E. Trulove, of Whiteville, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. H. C. Smith, of Fayetteville, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. W. A. Strauss, of Warsaw, was in the city yesterday on business.

— The STAR regrets to hear that Capt. Alonzo Garrason is seriously sick at his home in Fayetteville.

— Messrs. T. Y. and W. F. Fennell, of Harrell's Store, were among yesterday's arrivals in the city.

— Mr. L. L. Mallard, one of the leading merchants of Wallace, was in the city yesterday on business.

— Mr. G. W. Grimstad, who has been confined to his room with "grip" for three weeks, is able to be out again.

— Mr. and Mrs. J. W. St. John, Mr. Hugh Miler and Mr. Thomas D. Meares left for Southern Pines yesterday.

— Mrs. W. G. Elliott and Miss Margaret Elliott, of Live Oak Point, were among yesterday's hotel registrations.

— Mrs. F. C. Poisson left yesterday afternoon for Washington, D. C., to attend the inauguration and the "Martha Washington Reception."

Might Have Been Worse.

It makes one shudder to think of the consequences had the Polvogt fire last night not been confined to the building in which it originated. If it had crossed the narrow alley on each side of the building, as was universally expected at one period of its progress, the entire block bounded by Market, Front, Princess and Water streets would have been destroyed; and there is little doubt that it would have also crossed Princess street to the STAR office and contiguous buildings (the wind being from the South-west). Where it would have spent its fury in that event cannot be even conjectured.

That Telegram.

The following telegram was sent to Raleigh yesterday morning to Representative Howe, colored:

Mass meeting of representative Republicans, held last night, adopted resolutions instructing you to introduce the Lockey bill to amend city charter today. We hope you will obey wishes of your constituents promptly and in good faith. S. J. BELL, Chairman.
JAS E. HOWARD, Secretary.

Letters were also sent to Governor Russell, Senator Cannon, and Representatives Sutton and Howe, inclosing a copy of the preamble and resolutions adopted by the Republican mass meeting Thursday night.

LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

— The *Vamoose* steamed out of Southport yesterday at noon en route for New York city.

— Mr. Burroughs, of the firm of Burroughs & Collins, Conway, S. C., died Thursday. He was one of the wealthiest men in his section.

— The schooner *W. R. Chester*, Capt. Thompson, cleared yesterday for Boston with a cargo of 113,450 feet of lumber from the J. W. Jenkins Lumber Company. Vessel by Geo. Harriss, Son & Co.

— Mr. I. T. Alderman, while walking down the alley on Front street which leads to the *Messenger* office, accidently stepped off the elevated sidewalk and received several painful injuries.

— Walter Paige alias Jim Williams, colored, was arrested yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Flynn, charged with stealing a pair of clippers. The accused will be given a hearing before Justice Bunting this afternoon.

— In Justice Bunting's court yesterday, Jim McKenzie, colored, was arraigned, charged with shooting a pistol within the city limits and carrying a concealed deadly weapon. He was fined $5 and cost on the former charge, but was adjudged not guilty in the latter case.

— Spirits turpentine sold at higher figures yesterday than usual, bringing 27 cents for machine made casks and 26½ cents for country casks, against 25½ and 25 cents respectively on the day before. The official quotations showed an advance of one-eighth of a cent per pound in all grades of cotton.

— The STAR tenders its sincere congratulations to its contemporary, the *Messenger*, on its good fortune in escaping the fury of the flames last night. At one time its office seemed doomed to certain destruction; but the tide of battle soon changed in favor of the firemen and the danger quickly passed.

— The Wilmington Homestead and Loan Association announces that it is now receiving subscriptions to its tenth series of stock. This association is now in its eleventh year, and its conservative management is best shown by the fact that during this long period it has never lost a dollar on any of its investments.

— Residents of the neighborhood of the recent fire on Front and Mulberry streets complain of offensive odors arising from the ruins. This should be looked after by the city authorities. It is suggested, too, that the old chimney left standing near the Seaboard Air Line offices is dangerous to persons passing, and should be pulled down.

FIRE ON WATER STREET.

Wharf, Sheds and Naval Stores Destroyed —Evidently the Work of an Incendiary.

About 9.40 an alarm was sent in from box 43, Front and Orange streets. The fire on Front street was by this time perfectly under control, so that the department could at once respond to the alarm and located the fire on the naval store yard on Water between Ann and Nun.

This fire evidently had an incendiary origin. It spread rapidly, owing to the inflammability of the material. But the firemen had already got warmed to their work and soon succeeded in getting it under control. The steamer *Marion* helped very materially in subduing the blaze.

A quantity of naval stores, belonging to Mr. S. P. McNair, and Messrs. Calder Bros., was destroyed, in addition to wharf property and sheds belonging to Mr. F. A. Lord. Mr. McNair's property was insured with Willard & Giles for $3,000, and with F. H. Stedman for $1,000. Calder Bros. had insurance with Willard & Giles amounting to $1,800, and there was $900 insurance with Willard & Giles on Mr. Lord's property.

At St. Thomas' Hall.

A delightful concert was given last night at St. Thomas' Hall, under the management of Mr. Jas. Reilly. Although the fire deterred many from attending, yet a good number were present, and enjoyed the following attractive programme:

Part 1.—Piano Duet—Misses Katie Carroll and Marion Banks.
Tenor Solo—Mr. Rob. Banks.
Soprano Solo—Mrs. Watters.
Piano Solo—Mrs. Jellison.
Guitar Solo—Miss Taylor.
Recitation—Miss Katie Bell.
Part 2.—Piano Duet—Mrs. Jellison and Mr. Jas. Reilly.
Violin Duet—Prof. Bernard and Mr. Mason Burr.
Bass Solo—Mr. Richard Grant.
Violin Solo—Prof. Bernard.
Tenor Solo—Mr. Jas Reilly.
Piano Solo—Mrs. Jellison.

The management desires to return thanks to Mrs. Jellison and the ladies and gentlemen who so kindly assisted in the entertainment.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington & Weldon R. R.—24 bales cotton.

Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R.—25 bales cotton, 94 bbls tar.

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R.—6 bbls tar.

Steamer A. P. Hurt—6 bales cotton, 14 casks spirits turpentine, 8 bbls rosin, 33 bbls tar.

Total receipts—Cotton, 55 bales; spirits turpentine, 14 casks; rosin, 8 bbls; tar, 463 bbls.

False Alarms.

There were false alarms of fire from several parts of the city while the two real fires were raging. One came from Seventh and Queen streets, and a part of the department responded to find that it was a false alarm. There were also false alarms from Front and Mulberry, Fore & Foster's mill and Third and Red Cross.

A DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

POLVOGT & CO.'S DRY GOODS STORE DESTROYED.

Adjoining Buildings in Imminent Danger —A Large Conflagration Averted by the Heroic Work of the Firemen —Losses and Insurances.

Again last night Wilmington was visited by a conflagration which at one time promised to sweep the principal business portion of the city. Hardly had the echo of the fire of Friday night a week ago died out when shortly after 7 o'clock last night fire was discovered in the rear part of the large dry goods establishment of C. W. Polvogt & Co., which is a two-story brick building running half the length of the square on Front street between Princess and Market. Attempts were made to turn in the alarm, but for some reason now unknown the alarm system refused to work, and consequently the Fire Department was slow in responding. When they did arrive upon the scene the fire had gained considerable headway, and Messrs. Polvogt & Co.'s handsome store was one mass of flames and the heavens filled with smoke and sparks, which settled upon the different buildings in the neighborhood.

BUILDINGS IN DANGER.

The *Messenger* office, Jackson-Bell Co., proprietors; Peterson & Rulf's shoe store, across the alley from the burning building; W. L. DeRosset's and Josh T. James' job printing offices, which joins Messrs. Polvogt & Co.'s; M. W. Divine & Co.'s paint establishment, containing oil, etc.; the old National Bank building, and other buildings near by were threatened, but through hard work on the part of the Fire Department the danger was averted. At one time it looked as though the entire square would be destroyed by the fire. Messrs Jackson & Bell, Josh. T. James and W. L. DeRosset, Jr., removed most of their effects out of danger. By heroic efforts on the part of the firemen, especially the Phœnix Hose Reel Company (colored), the *Messenger* office, which at one time seemed doomed, was saved. The fire communicated to the roof of the old National Bank building, but was speedily put out.

FIRE UNDER CONTROL.

The Fire Department, under command of Assistant Chief of Fire Department Chas. Schnibben, succeeded in confining the fire to Polvogt & Co.'s building, and by 8.30 o'clock they had it under perfect control. Now all that remains of Polvogt & Co.'s handsome store is a mass of debris and charred walls.

ORIGIN OF THE FIRE UNKNOWN.

The origin of the fire remains a mystery. About 7 o'clock Mr. Polvogt closed his store, leaving everything all right, and accompanied by his wife and two or three of his clerks started home. When near the corner of Fourth and Princess streets Mr. Polvogt heard the fire bell near the railroad ring, and after making some casual remark to his companions went home, only to be notified by telephone that his store was on fire.

On account of the danger occurring from the electric light wires, the Street Railway Company shut down until after the fire.

LOSSES AND INSURANCE.

Mr. Polvogt valued his stock at from $34,000 to $35,000 and is covered by insurance of about $29,000 in the following companies, Liverpool, London & Globe $2,500, Hamburg & Bremen $4,000, and Pennsylvania $3,500, represented by J. H. Boatwright & Son; Pamlico $3,000, Palatine $1,500, Sun Mutual $3,000 and Carolina $2,500, represented by Willard & Giles; Queen $3,500, and New York Underwriters $3,500, represented by Col. Walker Taylor; Atlanta Home $2,000, represented by F. H. Stedman.

The building occupied by Polvogt & Co. was the property of Mr. S. Behrends, and is valued at about $16,000, covered by insurance in the London and Lancashire, $3,900, and Lancashire, $3,900, represented by Col. Walker Taylor, and $1,500 in the Scottish Union and National, represented by J. H. Boatwright & Son.

REMOVING GOODS.

The printing establishment of Mr. W. L. DeRosset, Jr., is just back of Polvogt's. His type, cases and other articles were removed. Mr. Josh T. James was also compelled to move out of his establishment.

The entire stock in Warren's Vienna Bakery was removed to E. Warren & Son's candy store. Damage due to moving and breakage, $50. No insurance.

A good part of Mr. Robert R. Bellamy's stock of drugs was taken out. Many of the bottles were broken and some of the goods stolen. The damage was probably $200. The stock was fully insured.

All moved back into their places of business as soon as they found there was no danger of the fire spreading.

At one time the buildings on the east side of Front street were seriously threatened. The wind was favorable for carrying the flame across the street, and those buildings would probably have caught but for the prompt and timely turning on of a stream of water diverted from the main conflagration.

WHY THE ALARM REFUSED TO WORK.

Mr. T. J. McIlhenny, superintendent of the fire alarm system, called at the STAR office and stated that at the time the alarm was sent in the apparatus of the big bell was being wound up, and that a plug had been placed under the trip which holds the hammer, this being necessary before winding.

WORK OF THE FIREMEN.

Nothing too good can be said of the work of the fire department. The entire membership, white and colored, richly deserve all the praise that was so lavishly bestowed on them by all who watched the progress of the fire. The department was handicapped from the start by the failure of the fire alarm to work properly, which delayed the arrival of the reels and engines, but this difficulty was soon overcome by determined and persistent effort, and the gallant firemen soon had under control a fire that at one time seemed destined to be one of the most disastrous in the history of Wilmington.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

THE HOUSE CONSIDERING THE REVENUE BILL.

Bill Changing Wilmington's Charter Passed the House—Substitute for Bill to Annul Lease of N. C. Railroad Passed Third Reading in the Senate.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, Feb. 26.—House bills were introduced to create the office of prosecuting attorney for the Eastern Criminal Court and to get the same pay as solicitors, to be appointed by the Governor and to serve four years; to allow county commissioners to elect an auditor.

The House went into Committee of the Whole on the Revenue bill. The bill was taken up by sections. A long debate occurred on the poll tax rate. The tax was finally fixed as follows: Poll $1.35, general 21⅔ cents; pensions 3½ cents, school 20 cents. Section 5 was adopted, making the tax on gross profits and incomes not taxed 1 per cent. on gross income derived from salaries and fees, public and private, ⅓ of 1 per cent. on the excess over $1,000, and on gross incomes from other sources ⅓ of 1 per cent. Section 6 was also adopted, repealing any limitation of or exemption from taxation. Schedule B, imposing license for carrying on business, was adopted. A lengthy discussion ensued on chapter nineteen, taxing dealers in horses and mules as business $25 annual tax and $10 county, and a special tax of fifty cents on horses hired out. A substitute passed taxing livery stables $25 State and $10 county. Liquor dealers' tax is two per cent. on total purchases, in addition to ad valorem tax. Section 98 was amended so as to make license tax of druggists selling spirituous, vinous or malt liquors $35 instead of $50. The tax on bank stock is to be paid by the cashier directly to the State Treasurer. Commission merchants, brokers and dealers are taxed one per cent. on commissions. Cigar dealers are taxed five cents per thousand, manufactured tobacco one-half cent per pound, cigarettes fifteen cents per thousand; this not to apply to manufacturers and no county, city or town can tax such dealers. Merchants' purchase tax two-tenths of one per cent.

Bills passed to allow delinquent tax payers in Lenoir to work the roads; giving the Board of Agriculture power to remove obstacles to the passage of fish in streams; authorizing Lenoir to levy a special road law tax.

Motion to reconsider the vote by which the bill to change the charter of Wilmington was tabled, was taken up and passed—yeas, 43; nays, 28. It was placed on the calendar, by motion of Sutton, and at a subsequent hour was rushed through on second and third readings. Democrats voted solidly against the bill.

In the Senate bills were introduced to amend the Code so as to allow women to vote in local option elections; also to forbid giving a reward to any employe of the General Assembly out of the treasury; to regulate price of illuminating gas; to provide for working public roads in Wilson county.

Bill passed to locate and construct bridges in Craven county.

The special committee appointed on the memorial of the president and directors of the North Carolina Railroad made a report exonerating them of any suspicion or intimation of wrong doing. Senator Grant sent forward his compromise bill, providing for the lease of the North Carolina road for a term of thirty-six years as the majority report. The minority report recommended that the substitute do not pass, and fail to concur in the majority report because ex-Gov. Carr, Col. Andrews and R. C. Hoffman were not summoned to appear before the committee. Grant favored the substitute in an earnest speech. Anderson said the lease should stand, as no fraud had been practiced. Sharp, of Iredell, said "I believe the lease was a fraud, and the people of North Carolina believe it to be a fraud. I came down here in favor of the lease, but after seeing the lobbying carried on in favor of the lease, and after attending the meetings of the special committee, I arrived at the conclusion that it was nothing more nor less than a consummate fraud, and should be annulled as soon as possible. I warn you if you do not pass this bill and let the matter be settled in the Courts, the next Legislature will pass such a bill, because they know the people have had no voice in leasing the North Carolina Railway." Butler said he believed the object of the Southern was to have the substitute adopted in the Senate and voted down in the House, thereby preventing any action at this session.

After a short adjournment the Senate reconvened and Grant's substitute was adopted by a vote of 26 to 24. The bill, as amended, then passed second and third readings and goes to the House for ratification.

Attempt to Set Fire to a Store.

About 1 o'clock this morning Messrs. E. G. Parmele, C. H. Robinson, Jr., J. W. Furlong, D. B. Holland and Robt. Banks, while returning from the fires, noticed a light in the passage-way on the Princess street side of Mr. I. Shrier's three-story brick store on the corner of Princess and Front streets. Upon investigating they found the matting and the paper under it on fire. The flames were put out without turning in an alarm. Three of the steps leading to the second story were found to be saturated with kerosene oil. A colored man was noticed standing in the door-way of the building just before the fire.

— Mr. V. Sidbury, of Holly Ridge, was here yesterday.

A SENSATIONAL AFFAIR.

PRIVATE SECRETARY ALEXANDER AND SENATOR HYATT COME TO BLOWS.

The Senator Charges Alexander with Attempting to Bribe Him—Statements from Both Parties.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb 26.—J. E. Alexander, Private Secretary to the Governor, and Senator Hyatt, of Yancey, had a personal collision on the floor of the Senate this morning in one of the lobby rooms. Several witnesses state that Hyatt struck Alexander several blows and denounced him for trying to offer him a bribe. Senator Hyatt makes the following statement of the affair: "Alexander came to me this morning and began talking to me about the lease question. We had quite a little friendly talk, lasting a quarter of an hour, and Alexander attempted to persuade me to vote to annul the lease. I explained to him my position by stating that I had received several petitions from my people asking me to use my influence in favor of the lease, and that as their representative I would do as they desired. Alexander then said the Governor was going to take care of his friends, and asked me if I would accept a position if offered me. I told him that, all things considered, I would do so with pleasure, if it was offered in the proper manner. Alexander then left me, and appeared in a good humor. In about half an hour he returned to the Senate chamber, and beckoned to me. I left my seat and went to him, and we walked into one of the rooms in the Senate chamber. On arriving there Alexander turned to me and said that if I would stand by the Governor in the lease question that Governor Russell would appoint me secretary to the Board of Agriculture at a salary of $1,500. As he said this I grabbed him by the lapel of the coat with my left hand and struck him on the neck with my right hand, and followed up the blow with several on the chest and shoulders, and told him he was a dirty, contemptible coward to make me such a proposition and that I looked upon it as an infamous insult. I was so mad that I would have hurt him badly but for the fact that the Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms and Representative Aiken grabbed me and came between us. They asked me what was the matter and I told them that the d——d coward had tried to bribe me by offering me a position in the Agricultural Department for my vote on the railroad lease question. I considered this offer as a bribe of the lowest order and I resented the insult by striking the car who made it. I consider my honor as a man dearer to me than any position the Governor or his allies can offer me. I denounce the act as a piece of cowardly business and in resenting the insult I have done what any true North Carolinia citizen would have done. I will rise to-day before the Senate and refer to the matter as a personal privilege and will see if the Governor can offer bribes to members of the Assembly with impunity. I do not come from a district where such acts would be tolerated.

Secretary Alexander made the following statement of the affair: "I was speaking to Hyatt about the lease bill and urging him to vote for the original bill. I said it is claimed that Federal patronage is being used to defeat the lease bill. It is claimed that no man who votes for the bill will be recognized in the distribution of Federal patronage. This was the statement I intended to refute when I spoke to Hyatt and said that 'the Governor was able to take care of his friends, as the Southern Railroad was to take care of theirs,' whereupon Hyatt said in a loud tone of voice and seemingly to attract attention, that I was trying to bribe him. I said it was a lie; that he did not understand or want to understand what I said. He attempted to strike me and jumped out in the crowd and said I wanted to bribe him, to which I reiterated the 'lie.' His friends took him away and there was no further colloquy or controversy. I offered him no position nor promised to use my influence for him in any manner, shape or form." The affair is one of the sensations of the Legislature.

ACCIDENTS LAST NIGHT.

Two Persons Run Over by Vehicles—One Seriously Injured.

About 9 o'clock last night Mr. Fitzhugh Lee Gibson, who is employed at Mrs. E. Warren & Son's confectionery store, while riding on a bicycle on Market street, between Second and Third, was run over by Chief Newman's buggy, the vehicle passing over the top of his head. Young Gibson was carried into Dr. Shepard's office close by, but was afterwards removed to Mrs. E. Warren's residence on Market street, between Front and Second. Dr. Shepard informed a STAR representative that Gibson was seriously injured, although there were no bones broken. Mr. Joe Newman and the colored driver were in the buggy going to investigate a supposed fire at Seventh and Queen streets.

Mr. C. W. Colwell, who is travelling salesman for Holmes & Watters, was run over by the buggy of the Chief of the Fire Department or some other vehicle last night and painfully though not seriously injured. He was on his way to the second fire and had gotten as far as Second and Market streets. His injuries consist of a sprained wrist and bruised limbs and face. Dr. J. C. Shepard was called in to dress the wounds.

One Cent a Word.

Hereafter advertisements to go in our "Business Locals" department will be charged one cent per word for each insertion; but no advertisement, however short, will be taken for less than 30 cents.

This is a reduction from former rates and it is also a convenience to advertisers who can calculate the exact cost of their advertisements, which must be paid for always in advance.

FROM RALEIGH.

Russell's Position on Railroad Lease a Grievous Mistake—Saturday Week Marks the Close of the Legislature—Populist Bolters Play Their Highest Card.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 26

Sutton, of New Hanover, says that his bill to change the charter of Wilmington will pass, as several members who voted against it when it was defeated on second reading will support it when it comes up for reconsideration.

The large majority of Republicans state publicly and without reserve that Governor Russell has made a grevious mistake in taking the position he has taken against the North Carolina road lease. Some Republicans go to the extent of calling him a Populist.

But while men who have been the Governor's friends through life, and who put him in the position he holds, are now fighting him, some of Russell's new allies have been his bitter enemies, and it is predicted that they are watching for the proper moment to knife him.

Saturday week will mark the close of the Legislature. After that day "per diem" ceases, and most of the members will pack their grips and get out of the city Sunday. Many bills must be passed during the eight remaining days.

The Populist bolters played their highest card last night when they declared that they would take no further action in the proposed division of offices until the Governor makes an appointment for the Eastern Judgeship. Great pressure is being brought to bear on the Governor to secure the appointment of Walter R. Henry.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

Dr. Abbot was nominated for Railway Commissioner by the Republican caucus on the fourth ballot. First ballot, White 25, Abbot 23, J. B. Mason 10, Rough Henderson 8. On the fourth ballot Abbot got 37, White 28. White's friends claim that the ballot was stuffed. The bolters nominated Senator T. E. McCaskey for Election Commissioner.

Representative Howe stated this evening before the Wilmington bill passed that he would not introduce the bill sent him by the citizens' mass meeting; he would remain passive.

Petree who voted against the lease bill in the House says he will fight the substitute which passed the Senate.

The bolters named directors for all the institutions to-night. Lee Person, negro Senator, announces he will fight the Wilmington charter bill which passed the House. The defeat of the bill in the Senate is almost assured.

WHITEVILLE MURDER TRIAL.

Haynes Found Guilty and Sentenced to be Hung April 23—Grist Acquitted.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

WHITEVILLE, N. C., Feb. 26.—The trial of Jim Haynes and Alex. Grist, colored, for the murder of Jno. Lee, a white boy here last August, ended today, having consumed three days. The case was given to the jury about two o'clock and after an hour's deliberation they returned a verdict of guilty in the first degree as to Jim Haynes and an acquittal as to Alex. Grist. Jim Haynes is sentenced to be hung April 22nd, next.

FAYETTEVILLE WEDDINGS.

Major W. F. Campbell and Miss Loula Glover—Mr. O. B. Wightman and Miss Belle Pemberton.

[*Fayetteville Observer 25th*]

Maj. W. F. Campbell was united in marriage last night to Miss Loula Glover at the bride's residence on Russell street.

At nine o'clock, in the tastefully decorated parlor, surrounded only by their relatives and the groom's business companions, the handsome couple were united in marriage by the Rev. Isaac W. Hughes.

Numerous handsome presents displayed in the parlor attested the popularity of the beautiful young bride.

Maj. Campbell is one of Fayetteville's leading citizens, and is known all over the State as one of its best equipped military men. Maj Campbell was long commander of the famous Independent Light Infantry, as his father had been before him.

The *Observer* extends its heartest congratulations to Maj. and Mrs. Campbell.

At the residence of the bride's father, Col. J. A. Pemberton, on Old street, at 8 o'clock last night, Mr. Owen B. Wightman, a popular young broker of this city, was married to Miss Belle Pemberton, the only one remaining unmarried of that handsome family of sisters.

The ceremony, which was performed by Rev. Mr. Hughes, was a very quiet one on account of a bereavement in the family of the bride, and was witnessed only by relatives of the young couple.

Many handsome presents bore witness to the popularity of the bride and groom.

After the ceremony the wedding party were given an elegant collation at the residence of Mrs. Archie B. Smith, the future home of Mr. and Mrs. Wightman. They both have our best wishes for their future happiness.

The Churches.

Grace Methodist E. Church, South, northeast corner of Grace and Fourth streets, Rev. R. A. Willis, Pastor. Services to-morrow at 11 a. m. and 8.00 p. m. Sunday school at 3.30 p. m. Experience meeting at 10 a. m. in the lecture room. Weekly prayer meeting and lecture Wednesday evening at 8.00 o'clock. Strangers and visitors are cordially invited to attend these services.

Fifth Street M. E. Church South, situated on Fifth street, between Nun and Church, Rev. W. L. Cunninggim, Pastor. Services to-morrow at 11 a. m and 7.30 p. m. by the pastor. Sunday School at 3.00 p. m. Class meeting at 6.45 p. m. The public cordially invited to all services.

Market Street M. E. Church, next to corner Ninth and Market streets, Rev. T. H. Sutton, pastor. Services every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Class meeting at 9.30 a. m. Sunday School at 3 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday night at 7.30 p. m.

First Presbyterian Church, Rev. P. H. Hoge, pastor. Divine service at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Young people's prayer meeting at 7.30 in the primary room. Sunday School at 3.30 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday at 8 p. m. Seats free.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, corner Fourth and Campbell streets, Rev. Alex D. McGhee, pastor. Sabbath services at 11 a. m and 7 30 p. m. Sabbath School at 3 30 p. m. Prayer meeting and lecture Wednesday at 8.00 p. m. The public cordially invited. Seats free.

South Side Baptist Church, corner Fifth and Wooster streets; Rev. J. D. Harrell, Pastor. Services Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday School at 3.30 p. m. Weekly Prayer Meeting Wednesday night at 7.30.

Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Sixth and Queen streets. There will be the usual services on Sunday at 11 a. m and 8 p. m.

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Respectfully,
feb27 1t PETERSON & RULFS.

Notice.

IN THE FACE OF DEFEAT THE DAIRY Kitchen is still making fire in the stove. A Hot Meal at No. 25 Market street. Bell 'Phone 278.
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Executrix Notice.

HAVING QUALIFIED AS EXECUTRIX of the last Will and Testament of J ha Waunder, dece sed, I hereby notify all persons indebted to my said testator to make immediate payment to me, and those to w om my said testator is indebted will present their claims to me before the 24th day of Febuar, 1898, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. This the 20 h day of February, 1897.
MARTHA P. WAUNDER, Executrix.
A. J. MARSHALL, Attorney.
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Foreclosure Sale.

BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE OF THE SUperior Court of New Hanover county, made in the case of J. D Bellamy, Jr., vs. W. W. Harriss, Jr., and wife, the undersigned will proceed to sell to the highest bidder, at public auction, for cash, on Monday, the 22nd day of March, 1897, at 12 o'clock M., at the Court House door in the City of Wilmington, N. C., the following described property, to-wit:

1—An undivided 1-5 interest in the following described lot of Land, situate in the City of Wilmington: Beginning 90 feet from the northwestern corner from Fifth and Orange streets, runs thence north with the east line of Fifth street 66 feet, thence west parallel with Orange street 165 feet, thence south parallel with Fifth street 66 feet, thence east 165 feet to the beginning, being part of Lot 5, Block 142.

2—All the right, title and interest of the said W. W. Harriss, Jr., and wife in the following described tract of Land, situate in New Hanover county, North Carolina, to-wit: Beginning at the head of Beery's Mill Pond, or Creek, at the head of a Meadow, thence running east 80 poles to the Sound Road, thence north along said road 50 poles to a stake, thence west 120 poles to a stake in said Creek, or Branch, thence up said Creek or Branch to the first station, containing 50 acres, more or less.

JAS. W. SNEEDEN, Commissioner.
February 19th, 1897. sa feb 20 4t

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Keep Something Nice for the Little Folks.

They have just received shipments of Babies' first SHOES (soft) as well as various kinds of other Infant Shoes. Also KNEE PROTECTORS for little folks, which saves the Mamas so much vexatious darning and mending of stockings at the knees. $1.50 for choice in our window. Take a look!
Respectfully,
MERCER & EVANS,
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Statement

SHOWING THE CONDITION OF THE UNITED STATES BRANCH OF THE MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

December 31, 1896.

ASSETS.

Account of stocks and bonds of the United States, and of this and other States, also all other stocks and bonds absolutely owned by the Company	$1,802,443

The Morning Star.

By WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SATURDAY MORNING, FEB. 27, 1897

SPLENDID OPPORTUNITIES.

Next Thursday William McKinley will be inaugurated President of the United States for the next four years. In entering upon that office he assumes mighty responsibilities, as great as ever confronted any President with the exception, perhaps, of Abraham Lincoln, but he is also presented with as splendid opportunities as ever fell to the lot of a President. He has a difficult, and a very difficult, role to perform and if he performs it well he may inscribe his name in enduring characters high up among those who have won their way to fame. We have had many good Presidents, but few great ones. It remains to be seen whether Mr. McKinley has in him the elements of greatness. We have our doubts, for while we believe that he is a good man, honestly desirous of promoting his country's welfare, as he sees it, and of contributing to its honor and glory, he is a man of pliant disposition and will be surrounded by influences that it will require an immense amount of nerve to set aside or ignore.

Previous to his nomination Senator Chandler, of New Hampshire, branded him as a "mortgaged candidate," referring to his connection with Mark Hanna and the methods resorted to secure his nomination, and the impression among many is that he is so much under obligation to those who contributed money to secure his nomination and election that in his official position he will be more or less subservement to them, although in doing so he will do more or less injustice to others. Whether his administratiou is to be such a one as will bring his country good and make an enviable reputation for himself, depends upon his ability to shake off selfish advisers and seekers of favors, for which they feel they have paid in advance, and seek his advisers among liberal minded, broad-gauged Americans, who can see their whole country and will have no axes to grind in the counsels they give or in the policies they would favor.

It must be said that so far McKinley himself has not displayed a very broad gauged Americanism, although in his ante election speeches he said some very nice things about the disappearance of sectionalism, for in the selection of his Cabinet he could not venture further South than Maryland, from which he took one member, the other seven being all from Northern and Western States. Fifty millions of people with seven representatives in the Cabinet, and twenty millions with one. No very broad gauged Americanism in that. But, aside from the fact that this is indicative of a contracted vision which can see but one side of the country, it is a small matter provided his Cabinet is composed of the right kind of material, for on that will depend his success or failure.

Unfortunately, perhaps, for him, or perhaps fortunately, he was elected on distinct promises that it will be exceedingly difficult to fulfil. He was heralded as the "advance agent of prosperity," the impression sought to be created being that if he was elected his election would bring prosperity to the country. That is expected, and if the expectation prove a disappointment there is no power that can save him or his party from defeat at the next election. That's why we say it was unfortunate for him that these promises were made, but if it should turn out that prosperity does come, then it will be fortunate that they were made, for his administration will get the credit for it whether it be so entitled or not.

There is the tariff question confronting him, on which there is a wide difference of opinion in his own party, some being tariff for revenue advocates, others tariff for protection, with revenue as subordinate. While he in the past campaign professed to be for revenue and "moderate" protection, he is under obligations to those who will insist on high protection, and there he may be beset by trouble.

There is the money question, even a more difficult one for him to face than the tariff problem, for there is on that also a wide divergence of views among the men of his own party, some of whom feel the necessity of doing something to placate the large number of votes in their own ranks who voted for Mr. McKinley on the strength of the platform pledge that the party would exert its best efforts to secure the restoration of silver as a money metal of equal dignity with gold, while on the other hand there are many, and those now the controlling power in the party, who insist on rigid adherence to the gold standard with no more recognition of silver than it now has. He must identify himself with one or the other of these factions. He cannot run smoothly with both.

Then there is the Cuban question, in which it will be absolutely imperative for his administration to take some definite, positive action and one that will comport with American dignity and honor. A crisis has been reached in that which will admit of no more dallying.

Last, but not least, Hawaii will come knocking at the door for annexation and the Nicaraguan Canal will demand attention.

With the tariff and the currency for home matters, Cuba, Hawaii and the Canal outside, there will be enough to occupy this administration for some sime, and while the responsibilities are great, they present the opportunities, as they are met, of making him and his administration famous or of sending it down in humiliation if they are not wisely and patriotically met.

MINOR MENTION.

The Raleigh *Caucasian* is just now paying its respects to the Legislature of North Carolina. This week's issue has a paragraphic column from which we extract the following, which in view of the fact that the *Caucasian* helped to make the Legislature what it is, are interesting reading:

"About ten more days remain of the legislative session. Unless there shall be, within this time, an almost miraculous change, the record of the Legislature will be nothing—absolutely nothing. All it will have done, when it resigns, will be the spending of sixty or seventy thousand dollars of the public funds, for which nothing will be returned.

"Of course there are some good men here who cannot, in justice, be held responsible for the record, but we are speaking now of the record of the *Legislature* as a whole; and unless that record shall be phenomenally changed within the next week, it will be the imperative duty, and we think it will be the pleasure of the people to see that such a crowd is never sent up to make laws again.

"The various committees to whom bills are referred seem to be composed of men who are either generally indifferent or pitiably ignorant. It is almost impossible to get their attention to any bill that does not carry some job with it. Of course they will read a bill and then make a motion to report either favorably or unfavorably, and thus get rid of it without knowing or caring what the bill is or what it contemplates.

"And this is the way the 'statesmen' are acting. Even the Populists seem to be unusually apathetic. Perhaps the Populists feel the impossibility of accomplishing anything while the disreputable 'combine' of Reps. and bolters is in the saddle, and feel somewhat hopeless and dull; but this, in our opinion, cannot excuse them from trying to 'do something.' Up to this date, the Legislature is a damnable disgrace to the State."

We do not have occasion to agree with the *Caucasian* often, but in this matter it covers the case and expresses our sentiments.

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Among all the persons officially connected with this Government who have had dealings direct with the Spanish Government or with its representatives in Cuba, the one figure that looms up grandly and has come anywhere near meeting with the expectations of the American people and representing their sentiments is Consul-General Lee, who has never failed to do all that he could do to protect American citizens, and to maintain the prestige and honor of his country. Had he been supported as he should have been supported, there would have been no Americans shot, none tortured to death within the confines of dungeons as Ruiz was, there would have been no searching of American vessels, and there would be to-day no Americans in Cuban prisons and no occasion for resolutions in Congress demanding their release. Some time ago when there was trouble in China and American residents were in jeopardy, American cruisers were ordered into Chinese waters and American citizens went unmolested. But a short while ago there was some trouble in Siam which caused American residents to become apprehensive of their safety and immediately a war ship was ordered to steam 3,000 miles to Siam and since then no American has been harmed. When Americans were outraged in Turkey a warship was ordered there. Cuba is within a few hours' sail from our shores, and yet with all the devilment that has been going on, with all the contumely that has been heaped upon Americans, with all the arrests, with all the persecution, with all the torture, with all the defiance direct or indirect of this Government, no war ship has been ordered into Cuban waters. This is no chapter in our history to be proud of. In all of it Consul General Lee's stalwart Americanism is the only redeeming feature.

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The introduction of a compromise bill in the Legislature, by Senator Grant, of Wayne (who is said to be a friend of the Southern road), providing for a 30 year instead of a 99 year term, or rather reducing the term of the lease made to 30 years, may be taken as an indication that the Southern is weakening and believes that the bill now before the Legislature to annul the lease will pass. The passage of Mr. Grant's bill would place the Southern just where it was under the first lease, except that a higher rental is paid. A 30 years' lease is better for the State and for the private stockholders than a 99 years', for with the increase of population and increase of traffic, commanding the position it does, that road must necessarily continue to increase in value, and this is one of the reasons why we were surprised at a 99-year lease, when there was no necessity for that and the lease could have been made for a much shorter period. We are aware of the fact that some of the witnesses before the investigating committee testified that the Southern declined the offer of fifty years, but that was simply a bluff to force the longer term. The leasers would have taken it for fifty years, or for thirty years, if the directors had made such a limit, as is shown by the bill introduced by Senator Grant. We believe the first lease was a great mistake, and the second one a still greater one, even if the period had been only for thirty years.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— Speaking of warships, it will be remembered that no outrages on Americans in Turkey have been reported since the Bancroft arrived in the Levant.—*Philadelphia Record, Ind.*

—— In his eagerness to punish those Americans who sympathize with Cuba, Attorney General Harmon is overlooking a large number of bank officials.—*New York Journal, Dem.*

—— Governor Bushnell, of Ohio, has said that he will make Mr. Hanna a Senator, but Charley Kurtz, who is believed to have the inside track, when asked if he indorsed the Governor's promise, replied: "I have nothing to say about it, and Mr. Foraker stands pledged to remain upon "the roof." It is, therefore, possible that at the expiratian of Mr. Hanna's brief temporary service some loose bricks from the chimney top may came clattering down in the midst of the seventy-third General Assembly of Ohio.—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

——It's no use talking; the Cuban situation has grown to be intolerable. It cannot, it must not, it will not, be much longer endured. Very likely there is some, perhaps not a little, exaggeration in the reports which reach us of the atrocities committed at Havana at the instance or with the approbation of Gen. Weyler and his associates. For the sake of humanity, let us hope so. But after all reasonable allowance has been made for the inaccuracies of misinformed or sympathetically imaginative correspondents, the fact remains that the existing condition of affairs in Cuba is such as not only warrant, but to demand, the prompt and imperative intervention of the United States Government.—*Phil North American, Rep.*

TWINKLINGS.

"—Lawyer—You say that you witnessed the altercation?" O'Hara—"No, sir, I did not. O, was busy at the time, looking at the foight.'"—*Fun.*

—Mother—"You must never put off till to-morrow what you can just as well do to day." Freddie—"Then let me finish that pie now."—*Filegende Blaetter.*

— The Crisis: "Gentlemen," said the orator, "this crisis will soon be at an end."

"Thank Heaven," murmured an auditor; "he's going to stop talking."—*Golden Penny.*

— Not Temper: John—That man Fisher has broken out again.

Robert—What a temper he must have.

John—It isn't temper. It's buchwheat cakes.—*Truth.*

— Suitor—Well, you see, old man, I'm afraid the governor won't come down with the cash. He is a sort of bombshell.

Friend—How so?

Suitor—He goes off when I touch him.—*Judge*

— Cynthia—"Do you think Frank will love me when I am old, Maud?"

Maud—"Well, there's one thing, dear; you'll soon know."—*Pick-Me-Up.*

— "Why have you never married, Miss Antique?" he thoughtlessly inquired.

'You never asked me before," she said, coyly, as she gave him her hand.—*Detroit Free Press.*

—Neighbor's Pretty Daughter—"How much is this a yard?" Draper's Son (desperate'spoons" on her) 'Only one kiss." Neighbor's Pretty Daughter—It is so cheap I will take three yards and grandma will pay you."—*Dublin World*

—A More Serious Case—Mrs Watts—"Isn't it a good deal of annoyance to get your meals at such irregular hours?" Hungry Higgins—"Toe irregular hours ain't so bad as the irregular days."—*Indianapolis Journal.*

—Appropriate—"What sign do you think I ought to put in front of my place of business?" asked the man who has opened a morgue. "'Remains to be seen,'" suggested the friend who had dropped in.—*Chciago Tribune.*

—When a woman commences perusing a book, to the end she invariably turns; at the opening chapter she casts not a look, no beauty in them she discerns. This rather ridiculous habit one strikes as being a trifle absurd; but the reason is simple: 'Tis because women like in all things to have the last word. —*Tit-Bits.*

— Kinston *Free Press*: Mr. G. T. Brown died Sunday night, aged about 50 years. He lived about two and a half miles from Kinston.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Greensboro *Record*: Mrs. J. H. Dillard, wife of the late Judge Dillard, died Thursday afternoon about 3.30, of pneumonia.

— Weldon *News*: For want of a Judge no court was held at Halifax this week. It was the time for the regular term of the Circuit Criminal Court and many witnesses and jurors were in attendance Monday. Judge Meares having resigned, it was the duty of Gov. Russell to appoint a Judge for the unexpired term. There are thirty-one prisoners in jail and the county is at considerable expense each day they remain in jail. It appears to us that a judge could have been appointed in time to have held court this week.

— Charlotte *Observer*: Mr. Thos. L. Ritch owns a farm in Sugar Creek. Several days ago he sent one of his hands, Amos Gaither, colored, out to dig up some stumps on the place. The negro went to work and after digging down a foot or so unearthed a hidden treasure—a number of pieces of silver, some of which were lined with gold. He took his find to Mr. Ritch. The latter surmises that the silver must have belonged to the Frews, whose land had joined that now owned by him and who, in years gone by, were extremely rich. He is willing to give the silver up if it can be properly identified.

— Fayetteville *Observer*: Tuesday the store of Hollingsworth & Holland, the popular young merchants, was closed up. They made an assignment at 11 30 o'clock, naming Mr. R. M. Nimocks as assignee. The latter tells us that the liabilities are about $4,000 and that the assets will foot up about the same amount. The firm did a splendid business previous to the election, but since that period they have suffered like all other merchants in the South by the almost stagnation in business. —— Three car-loads of poultry passed through here on the A. C. L. Satur day en route to New York from Tennessee. There were between 13,000 and 15,000 head, consisting of chickens, ducks, turkeys and in fact almost every variety of market fowl.

— Goldsboro *Argus*: An old negro named Quinnie Dunn, in Greene county, grew tired of evading the strong arm of the law, which he had done successfully for the past three years, and created quite a sensation in the little county seat of Snow Hill Monday morning by walking boldly up to the court house and delivered himself to the sheriff, just as the present term of the Superior Court was about to convene. About three or four years ago he drew a pistol from his pocket and killed a colored boy in his employ, who had spoken in a disrespectful manner when ordered to do some work. Dunn is a very industrious old darkey and by frugality and economy had accumulated considerable wealth and when he came in town Monday morning his bond of $2,000 was subscribed for in less time than it took to write it out, and he was once more at liberty to assume the life of a civilian.

— Salisbury *World*: Mr. P. H. Henley has returned from New Randleman, where his only brother, T. C. Henley, was buried Sunday. The circumstances surrounding Mr. Henley's death are unusual. About three months ago he was bitten on the wrist by a mosquito. At first but little attention was paid to it, but his arm soon became inflamed and swollen. The swelling was not confined to the immediate part of the arm near the bite, but extended all the way up the arm. Medical aid was called in, but it seemed that nothing could be done to reduce the swelling. Shortly after this incident Mr. Henley fell and the afflicted arm struck some hard substance. Mr. Henley shortly afterwards was prostrated and from this prostration never recovered. Blood poisoning set in and the arm was amputated. But on last Friday, despite the assiduous attention of the best medical minds, Mr. Henley died.

Electric Bitters.

Electric Bitters is a medicine for any season, but perhaps more generally needed, when the languid, exhausted feeling prevails, when the liver is torpid and sluggish and the need of a tonic and alterative is felt. A prompt use of this medicine has often averted long and perhaps fatal bilious fevers. No medicine will act more surely in counteracting and freeing the system from the malarial poison. Headache, Indigestion, Constipation, Dizziness yield to Electric Bitters. 50c. and $1 00 per bottle at R. R. BELLAMY'S Drug Store. †

Linen Bleaching.

The bleaching of linen is said to be now accomplished in France largely by the use of water glass. Recently it was stated to the Paris Academy of Sciences that, in order to insure the complete bleaching of the fabric, it is customary to increase the causticity of the lye and to prolong the time of boiling, with the result that the material is injured, though its color is improved. Experts declare that the production of yellowish or brownish patches on the linen, usually attributed to impurities in the chemicals used, is due chiefly to the presence in water of calcium and magnesium salts, which are precipitated on the fabric and act as mordants, fixing the yellowish color of the lye. But this injurious effect can be prevented by adding to the water a mixture of sodium carbonate and soluble glass, the result being to precipitate calcium and magnesium silicates in a flocculent form which settles rapidly, does not adhere to the fabric and becomes granular and pulverulent on boiling. Thus purified, only a very small quantity of caustic alkali is necessary for the treatment.

Cigar Smoke and Love.

In Siam the lighting of a cigar indicates a betrothal. In that country a person wishing to become betrothed to the girl of his choice offers her a flower or takes a light from a cigar or a cigarette if she happens to have one in her mouth, and thereupon, provided there is no impediment in the birth months and years of the respective parties, steps are at once taken to arrange for the payment of the dowry. The families of the bride and bridegroom have each to provide at least $1,000. In Calabria, as in certain parts of India, a lighted tapen or a lighted pipe betokens the acceptance of the suitor for the hand of a lady in marriage. In Siberia it is the custom that when a suitor has been accepted by a girl she presents him with a box of cigars and a pair of slippers as a sign that he is to be master in the house.

Beecher's Retort.

Henry Ward Beecher was once the subject of a cane presentation and stood while the spokesman of the donors made a speech that ran into an elaborate oration. A friend afterward commented to the famous preacher on the length of the speech. "Yes," returned Mr. Beecher, "he didn't want me to have the cane until I really needed it."

That Hood's Sarsaparilla purifies the blood and relieves a vast amount of suffering is not a theory but a well-known fact. †

REFORMED.

The room was silent with the intensity of the game. For hours the play had been fast and furious. Though Gerald Wade was consumed with an inward fever of recklessness, he played his game with an outward calm. The day before he had discussed the evils of gambling with the woman he loved. She supposed he played "in a general sort of way," but she had no notion of the time he had given over to it. Many a night he had left her, exalted for the moment by her love, vowing he would be worthy of her ideal of him, but the uplifting was only transitory.

In the early spring they were engaged; but, though Gerald urged all his eloquence, Lily would not hear of their marriage. She wanted to live in the present, she said. Ceremonies and trousseau could wait. So they idled now and then through the lovely spring. It had taken her some time to convince him that he could not escort her about the slums; that his appearance there would hinder, not help, her work. He was eventually pacified. The many sidedness of Lily's life was a revelation to him.

The last week he had found an unlucky one financially. All that time he had avoided the club, but this evening, with Lily far away, he had wandered aimlessly toward it and up to the cardroom. He was greeted with acclamation. The old instinct gradually asserted itself.

He left the club beaten and practically ruined. He jumped into a hansom and drove back to his rooms and found a wire awaiting him: "My aunt has rallied and wants to see you. Come immediately. L."

Gerald scrutinized the paper and found it had been delivered early in the evening. Lily must have been expecting him for hours. He pulled out his watch and found it was 8 o'clock.

Two hours later he found himself being driven along the country road that led to the house where Lily was staying. In spite of his perturbed spirits he was impressed by the beauty of the morning. He seldom saw nature at that early hour, and the sweetness of the earth appealed to him. It was like Lily, he thought—fresh and fair, and giving of her wealth of treasure abundantly. Could he go on and bring an ugly blot into her life, he who loved her so dearly? For a moment he wavered, then set his teeth and drove on.

A few moments later he found himself trembling as he waited for Lily in the drawing room. In the solemn hush he knew that the shadow of death hung over the house.

She came in presently through a door behind him, and he felt her arms about his neck before he realized she was there.

"Gerald, Gerald, how good it is to see you!"

He drew her into his arms. "Am I in time, dear?"

"I do not know. She has sunk again, but the nurse will call me the moment she is conscious. She took a sudden notion that she wanted to see the man I am going to marry. You know she is queer, dear, and she has not been out of the house or seen any one for many months." She drew herself out of his arms and put her hands on his face to look at him.

"Gerald," she exclaimed, noting for the first time the drawn, haggard expression, "you are ill! What is it, dear? You should not have come!"

He told her the whole story.

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"Lily, darling, I have been trying to think. This morning early I was filled with the blackness of despair. Then I came to you because what remnant of decency was left in me prevented my running away like a coward, though it did not seem as if I could ever look in your dear face again.

"I am going away to begin all over again," Gerald continued, "and take courage from the strength you have given me this last hour. Perhaps I may never conquer myself, but I shall never cease to try. The thought that I have brought sorrow into your life drives me mad!" He paced the room restlessly.

"I would not have my life all sunshine," the girl said vehemently, "and you have made me so very happy all these weeks, and now—now that you are going away, I shall be happy still, knowing that you are going to reach out of the darkness and be worthy of yourself."

"It is you who are pulling me up, dear."

"No, no! I will not have it so. It is your own better nature asserting itself, and it will conquer in the end. And then"—

"And then?" the man began eagerly, but would not let her answer. "Forgive me, dear, I will not let you be so generous."

"One can never be too generous to those we love, Gerald."

"Ah, my dear, there was never any one like you, and the leaving you is like death." He hid his face in his hands.

The girl took some pansies and put them into the lapel of his coat. Her fingers trembled so that she could scarcely fasten the flowers, but she spoke to him bravely.

"There is heart's ease for you, dear—a little sweetness and color to take away. You will write me your plans. I think I would like to have you go now."

The man held her hands and kissed them reverently.

"I may come back in a year, dear—it may be two or three. I want to leave you free to make your own life. I do not mean to make my fight with the hope of the reward that might come to me, but for the sake of my honor and manhood—the things you have roused in me."

"Gerald, dear, I—I cannot think beyond today. You seem to have come and to be going so suddenly. But I want you to go and—oh, my dear," she cried, flinging her arms about his neck, "I have such faith in you!"

The girl raised her head and looked steadily at him for a moment, her eyes glowing with the light of her high belief in him. Then she slipped from his arms and turned away that she might not see him go from her.

A moment later she heard the door close and knew that he was gone. A great sob burst from her, but as if she felt that even yet she had no right to think of herself, she went rapidly into the sickroom and knelt by the bed.

Her aunt opened her eyes and spoke feebly, "Has Gerald come?"

"He has been called away unexpectedly," the girl replied, with an effort, "but the man I love will come back again."

And he came, indeed, a reformed man, six months later.—Exchange.

Decorating the Bedroom.

The first object of importance in a bedroom is the bed. If this is comfortable, properly made and prettily draped, the rest of the room is easily managed. With a view to being helpful in this matter, a writer in the New York Herald offers these suggestions: If you can drape your bed irrespective of cost, there is nothing handsomer than renaissance lace or brussels net. If your soul yearns for embroidery, there are heavy linen hand embroidered and hemstitched spreads, with drawn work insertion, richly embroidered in raised satin stitch, in cotton, white or colors.

The old marseilles quilt, which has held undisputed sway, has now a rival in the patent sateen embroidered spreads. These show a sateen finished face, with heavily raised border and sprays in floral effects closely resembling hand embroidery in heavily raised satin stitch. You may pay for them anything from $2.50 all the way up to $25. But when you have reached $10 they are embroidered by hand. The sateen spreads are also shown with a deep border in a raised design, then a floral border in colors, dogwood or wild roses in daintiest shades and more of the raised effect, with the center covered with sprays in the design of the border. This printing is hand stamped and in absolutely fast colors. The beauty of any of these spreads is greatly enhanced by a deep fall of lace, which is sewed on by hand. This may be of heavy torchon, antique or renaissance, according to the quality of the spread.

I have somewhere seen it observed that we should make the same use of a book that the bee does of a flower; she steals sweets from it, but does not injure it.—Colton.

Mississippians are called "Tadpoles," the ancient heraldic device of France being "three toads erect exitant."

The Belgian patent laws are modeled after those of France, with the exception that the granting of a patent elsewhere does not preclude the taking out of a patent in Belgium.

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Stomach

with severe pains across my shoulders, and great distress. I had violent nausea which would leave me very weak and faint, difficult to get my breath. These spells came oftener and more severe. I did not receive any lasting benefit from physicians, but found such happy effects from a trial of Hood's Sarsaparilla, that I took several bottles and mean to always keep it in the house. I am now able to do all my own work, which for six years I have been unable to do. My husband and son have also been greatly benefited by Hood's Sarsaparilla—for pains in the back, and after the grip. I gladly recommend this grand blood medicine." MRS. PETER BURBY, Leominster, Mass.

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QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

Rev. R. C. Beaman, recently appointed by the North Carolina Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South, Presiding Elder of the Wilmington District, has made his appointments for the first round, as follows:

Elizabeth circuit, at Elizabethtown, February 27, 28.

Kenansville circuit, at Kenansville, March 6, 7.

Onslow circuit, at Queen's Creek, March 13, 14.

Brunswick circuit, at Concord, March 20, 21.

Columbus circuit, Evergreen, March 27, 28.

Whiteville and Fair Bluff Whiteville (night), March 28.

Waccamaw circuit, Shiloh, March 30.

Magnolia circuit, Magnolia, April 3, 4.

Bladen circuit, at Bethlehem, April 10, 11.

Wholesale Prices Current.

☞ The following quotations represent Wholesale Prices generally. In making up small orders higher prices have to be charged.

The quotations are always given as accurately as possible, but the STAR will not be responsible for any variations from the actual market price of the articles quoted.

BAGGING—			
2 ℔ Jute		@	6
Standard		@	6¾
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔ ℔	12	@	14
Sides ℔ ℔	6	@	7
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6	@	6¼
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ ℔	4½@		5
Shoulders ℔ ℔		@	4¾
BARRELS—Spirit Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 00	@	1 10
New New York, each	1 35	@	1 40
New City, each	1 30	@	1 40
BEESWAX ℔ ℔	23	@	24
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	6 50	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ ℔	15	@	
Northern	18	@	25
CORN MEAL—			
Per Bushel, in sacks	38	@	40
Virginia Meal	40	@	4½
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle		@	75
CANDLES—℔ ℔—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	9	@	10
CHEESE—℔ ℔—			
Northern Factory	10	@	11
Dairy, Cream	11	@	12
State		@	10
COFFEE—℔ ℔—			
Laguyra	20	@	
Rio	11	@	16
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	5¾
Yarns, ℔ bunch	18	@	20
EGGS—℔ dozen		@	10
FISH—			
Mackerel, No 1, ℔ barrel	20 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No 1, ℔ half-barrel	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No 2, ℔ barrel	18 00	@	26 00
Mackerel, No 2, ℔ half-barrel	9 00	@	13 00
Mackerel, No 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	3 00	@	3 00
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel	5 75	@	6 50
N C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5	@	10
" kitts	3 25	@	3 50
FLOUR—℔ barrel—			
Low grade		@	3 75
Choice		@	4 00
Straight	4 75	@	5 00
First Patent	5 50	@	5 75
GLUE—℔ ℔—	7½@		8½
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bags—White,	40	@	43½
Car load, in bags—White,	39	@	39
Oats, from store	30	@	35½
Oats, Rust Proof	45	@	45
Cow Peas	75	@	85
HIDES, ℔ ℔—			
Green		@	10
Dry		@	18
HAY, ℔ 100 ℔—			
Eastern		@	1 00
Western		@	90
North River		@	85
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔		@	2
LARD, ℔ ℔—			
Northern	5½@		6
North Carolina	6	@	10
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 15	@1	25
LUMBER (Rough), M ft—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	13 00	@	20 00
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality		@	13 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	23 00
Sciasti ng and Board, common	34 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ℔ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hhds		@	28
" in bbls		@	30
Porto Rico, in hhds	27	@	30
" in bbls		@	30
Sugar-House, in hhds	12	@	14
" in bbls	14	@	15
Syrup, in bbls	18	@	
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut 60d basis	1 75	@1	85
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess	9 00	@	9 25
Rump		@	8 75
Prime		@	8 75
ROPE, ℔ ℔	10	@	10
SALT, ℔ sack Alum		@	75
Liverpool		@	60
Lisbon		@	
American		@	80
On 100 ℔ Sacks	50	@	60
SHINGLES, 24-inch, ℔ M	2 00	@	3 50
Common	1 50	@	2 25
Cypress Saps	3 50	@	3 50
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Cream		@	4½
Standard A		@	4½
White Ex. C		@	4½
Extra C, Golden	4	@	4½
C, Yellow		@	4½
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern	5½	@	6
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	5 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping		@	9 00
Mill, Prime		@	7 00
Mill, Fair	5 50	@	6 00
Common Mill	4 50	@	5 00
Delivered in Ordinary		@	6 00
TALLOW, ℔ ℔	4	@	4½
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon—Northern	1 50	@	2 00
North Carolina	1 50	@	2 00

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE February 26.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 26¼ cents per gallon for machine-made casks, and 26¼ cents for country casks. Sales were made later at 27 and 26½c respectively.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1 45 per bbl for Strained, and $1 50 for Good Strained.

TAR—Market quiet at 90 cents per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Quiet. Hard 1.30, Soft 1.80 per barrel.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine steady, 27@26½c; rosin firm, $1 25, 1.30; tar steady, 90c; crude turpentine nominal, nothing doing.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	14
Rosin	8
Tar	139
Crude Turpentine	00

Receipts same day last year—97 casks spirits turpentine, 369 bbls rosin, 186 bbls tar, 8 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 6¾c for middling.

Ordinary	4¼	cts ℔ lb
Good Ordinary	5¾	" "
Low Middling	6¼	" "
Middling	6¾	" "
Good Middling	7 3-16	" "

Same day last year, middling 7¾c.

Receipts—55 bales; same day last year 475.

COUNTRY PRODUCE

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 55@60c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 60c; Fancy, 65@67½c. Virginia—Extra Prime, 45@50c; Fancy, 50c.

CORN.—Firm; 40 to 42 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—65@70 cents per bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; Hams, 8 to 9c per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c; Sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, $1.60 to 2.25; six inch, $2.25 to 3.25; seven inch, $3.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $5.00 to 8.50 per M.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK, February 26—Evening.—Money on call to-day was easy at 1½@2 per cent; last loan at 1½ per cent. closing offered at 1¼ per cent. Prime mercantile paper was 3 per cent. Sterling exchange was firm; actual business in bankers bills at 485@485¼ for sixty days and 487¼@487½ for demand. Commercial bills 483½@484¼. Government bonds were strong; United States coupon fours 118, United States twos 95¼. State bonds were dull; North Carolina fours 103; North Carolina sixes 123. Railroad bonds higher.

Silver at the Stock Exchange to-day was quiet.

COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK, February 26—Evening.—Cotton steady; middling 7 5 16c.

Cotton futures—market closed steady; February 7 06, March 7 06, April 7 12, May 7 16, June 7 22, July 7 28, August 7 28, September 6 93, October 6 88, November 6 86, December 6 91. Sales 164,500 bales.

Cotton—net receipts —— bales; gross 993 bales; exports to Great Britain —— bales; to France —— bales; to the Continent 354 bales; forwarded 273 bales; sales 910 bales; sales to spinners 810 bales; stock 264,331 bales.

Weekly—Net receipts 415 bales; gross 16,948 bales; exports to Great Britain 7,975 bales; to France 1,250 bales; to the Continent 7,520 bales; forwarded 8,781 bales; sales 10,440 bales; sales to spinners 2,224 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 10,766 bales; exports to Great Britain 2,864 bales; to France —— bales; to the Continent 779 bales; stock 907,988 bales.

Total so far this week—Net receipts 84,451 bales; exports to Great Britain 39,785 bales; to France 24,946 bales; to the Continent 45,529 bales.

Total since September 1—Net receipts 5,889,870 bales; exports to Great Britain 2,538,991 bales; exports to France 856 086 bales; exports to the Continent 1,485,149 bales; to the Channel 5 481 bales.

Flour steady, quiet and unchanged; Southern flour was quiet and unchanged; common to fair extra $3 30@3 80; good to choice $3 60@4 00. Wheat—spot market dull and easier, closing steady; No. 2 red free on board 88¾c; ungraded 74@89c; options opened weak and declined ½@¾c, rallied ½@¾c, declined ½@¾c, rallied ½@¾c and closed weak at ¾@¾c under yesterday

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SAT'DAY NIGHT.

"The's never a week," says Uncle Si—
With his corncob pipe alight—
"The's never a week o' sob an sigh,
W'en clouds 'r' gloomy an floods run high,
But comes to Sat'day night.

"Monday's hours o' toil may drag
'S if they'd never git pas',
An Tooesday an We'n'sday may linger an lag,
W'ile th' sun is hot an our sperits flag,
But Sat'day comes at las'.

"W'en things goes wrong, jes' stop an' low
'At time'll set 'em right.
Mebbe the darkness 'at kivers us now
Is meant to try us an teach us how
To 'preciate Sat'day night.

"I've toiled an troubled an sorrowed much.
I've fit through storm an calm
Per Dead sea apples 'at cheat the touch
An roses 'at leave but thorns to clutch,
But Sat'day night brings ba'm.

"An so," says Uncle Si, "ye'll find,
Ef ye value yer blessin's right,
Tho' hain't no place fer a mortal mind,
'Ith the Sabbath ahead an the week behind,
Like a restful Sat'day night."

—J. L. Heaton in "The Quilting Bee."

KENNEDY'S BOOK.

It was on a Sunday evening early last winter that I saw the book of Alistair Kennedy. Months before, in talking of the work and ambitions common to us, he had mentioned that he had grown bold and was writing at length. Then and several times since I had asked him to tell me more than the mere fact, to describe his motive and characters; but always he had laughingly refused. Friendship was constant in everything save in affairs of authorship. He could say that he had found a vein of life as yet unworked by the novelist. When the book was finished, I should see it and praise. Until then my curiosity must be unsatisfied.

A day or two before the evening he had written me that his work was done, and that the book would be brought out at Christmas. The publishers had returned the manuscript with some suggested alternations, and if I like I might see it before it finally left him. My answer to the letter was a visit to his rooms on the evening, and of this visit and of what followed I write. As faithfully as I can I will tell the incidents of the two or three hours from the time Kennedy replied to my congratulations.

"Yes," he said, "Brown & Bowyer have accepted it, and I expect a big sale. I don't think the book is badly done, but then I am prejudiced. You shall judge for yourself. Here it is. Do you read, and I will smoke and watch if you approve."

I took the bundle he passed across the table and turned over the typewritten sheets and learned what was his book. The unworked vein of life was the Salvation Army. On a gray background of barrack room and shelter he had shown gray pictures of men and women. With the circumstances that gives air of truth he had told the loves and hates of captain and lieutenant, bandsman and tambourinist. It was an unkind book. Blame was sounded often and clearly, praise seldom and in a falsetto of cynicism. The writing was the writing of a scoffer. Unfair though the book was, it was cleverly made and would find a public willing to buy. Chapter after chapter I quickly read. All were written with skill, and all had a certain power. The book would have the success that was hoped for. But it was bad, bad as it was clever. At the end of a bitter impeachment entitled "Blood Royal," I tired of the reading. Pushing back my chair, I looked to Kennedy in remonstrance.

"Well," he said, "what do you think of it? Will it go?"

"The book is not good," I said. "It is very easy to abuse people and parties of people to bring forward the bad and hold back the good. It is"—

"That is not what I mean," he interrupted. "Is the book well written? Will it sell?"

"Yes," I said. "The writing has strength and will be read. But the whole thing is unfair. I cannot understand how you, Kennedy, an emotional man, could have written it. Where is the morality?"

"If the book takes," he said somewhat angrily, "I shall be content. The morality is clear to me. You think I am showing up the army. Well, perhaps I am, and perhaps I am right to do so. Let me ask you a question. Have you ever been to a Salvationist meeting, or slept in a shelter, or talked to a soldier?"

"No," I said. "But"—

"You confess," he interrupted. "You know nothing of the people or their methods, and yet I am unfair. Why, my dear fellow, I have lived the life for months and have written from facts. It is you who are unfair. But it is not too late to begin to study. I am not quite satisfied with the coloring of the third—the conversion—chapter and should like to watch another meeting. There is a hall but a few yards away, and presently we will go to it. You shall listen to the bandsmen as with music they charm the world. You shall see the sisters as with flourish of tambourines they charm the bandsmen. You will come?"

"You talk as you write, Kennedy," I said. "Yes, I will come. When do we start?"

"Now," he said, gathering together the typewritten sheets. "I will put these away—no, I will bring them with me, you may want to refer to them—and we will go. The show begins at 7, and we will lose as little as possible."

His anger had gone at the thought of guding me to the life he had found, and he laughed as he gave me my hat and led the way to the street. Arm in arm we walked to the corner and across to the low roofed building, which was the hall.

"It is late, and we have commenced, but I think there is standing room. Come in. God bless you," said the soldier at the entrance as we passed into the meeting.

"Yes, the seats are all taken. We will wait here," said Kennedy, placing his book on the floor, and near the beginning of the middle aisle we stood and looked about the room.

Across the far end was raised a platform, on one side of which sat men who played on this and that instrument and were the band, and on the other women who shook tambourines and sang in high, shrill voices and were now the followers and now the leaders of the men. Below the platform, and with face sometimes toward and sometimes away from it, stood the captain, waving rude time with the hymn book in his hand. Between the captain and our place of watching were 300 or 400 people, who sang or tapped their feet on the floor, or were silent as was their mood. Around platform, captain and people were thin wooden walls, with 100 decorations of texts and mottoes and advertisements of Army merchandise and Army meetings.

"Brothers and sisters," said the captain, "as some of you know, we have a visitor tonight. Lieutenant Gray has come from Edinburgh to speak to us and has much to say. May the Lord bless her words. Will you stand here, lieutenant, please, and be among us?"

"Willingly," said a girl in the front row of the platform as she took his hand and stepped to his side. "Willingly, captain. I wish to speak so that you may all hear, and like well to be among you. Truly I have much to say, and may the Lord indeed bless the words."

"The lieutenant is pretty," whispered Kennedy as, raising her bonnet and throwing back her head, she began the address. "She is very pretty. I wonder we did not notice her before. What do you think of her?"

For a time I gazed down the aisle to the girl and listened to her words. She was more than pretty; she was beautiful. The black oval bonnet was setting for a finely formed face, made bright by earnest eyes looking from the shadow of dark waving hair. The rudely cut serge gown could not triumph over the grace of the slender figure, but fell closely and was servant to it. The hands that moved to and fro in gesture and persuasion were small and very white. Like an ideal of gentle puritanism she stood and spoke, and her voice was sweet to hear, and her words were clear and forceful.

"She is, indeed, good to see," I answered Kennedy. "I, too, wonder why we did not notice her before. There is nothing like her in your book. Is she an exception?"

He made no reply, and I saw that her words had moved him to interest, and that he was smiling and leaning forward. The thought came to me that he was studying his third chapter and added to my dislike of all that he had written.

The minutes passed, and her speaking grew very eloquent. The people cessed their "Glories!" and hearkened in silence. The smile left the face of Kennedy, and his breathing became more quick and his eyes more earnest. Though less moved than some, I felt upon my cheek the flush of excitement.

Still she spoke on, and her words were fast and high, as of one who wrestled with souls unto prevailing. And now I saw that the girl in the corner had forgotten her boy lover and was crying silently. And now I saw that Kennedy's lips were closing and unclosing, and that his hands were gripped together and were trembling in the grip.

There was a sob in the woman's throat and a stay in her words, and then the sob was gone, and again she spoke. Now she made passionate entreaty that the sinner in the hall would repent that very night and give up his soul at the penitent form. And now it seemed to me that with eyes that were wet and wistful she gazed along the room to the eyes of Kennedy.

"This night, sinner, this night and here, cast off your load! Kneel at this form, and pray for help and pardon! Then stand and give thanks for the mercy. We will pray with you, sinner. We will praise with you, saved one. Oh, let not the time go! Repent this night—this night and here," were the words of her entreaty, and at their end she still gazed along the room and waited for an answer. There came the answer. For a moment Kennedy stood at my side, bowed and trembling. Then in quick steps he went toward the platform, his hands outstretched and his face broken like the face of a woman in hysteria of shock. With look of joy and triumph, she came to meet him and took his hands in hers and led him to the form to which she had pointed. Together they knelt, and she prayed aloud for mercy upon him and for the lifting of his sins, and with her prayers went up his sobbings and the amens of the men and women.

They stood again and faced the room, and I saw that he, the scoffer of an hour before, now shook and wept. And she, the girl, too, saw and laid her hand upon his arm and looked to him in beautiful compassion.

"Will you speak, brother?" she said softly. "Will you testify to the change you feel?"

He covered his face with his hands, and for a time was silent. Then suddenly he lifted his head and began to speak. Uppermost in his mind was the memory of the book, and in a voice that sometimes broke and sometimes was clear he told the story. How that for months he had labored to win fame for himself by bringing shame upon the Army, he told; how that his eyes had ever been blind to the good, his understanding ever sleeping; how that on this night he had come to scoff, but had mercifully been led to repentance.

"What shall I do—what shall I do to show this repentance?" he said and looked appealingly to the girl.

"Brother," she said, with a smile of rejoicing, "let the destruction of the book be your act of faith. Together we will burn it at the penitent form. Will it not be well, brother?"

"Yes, yes, oh, yes," he said in wild earnestness, "I will get it, and we will burn it. Yes, yes, oh, yes."

Hurriedly he left her and walked to where the book lay at my feet. Giving me neither word nor glance, he lifted it in his two hands; then turned and carried it up the room. With quick touch he unloosened the tape and spread the bundle about the form, then paused as if he needed something.

"Here, brother, here," said a bandsman and leaned from the platform and gave him a lighted match. Once more he bent to the form, with the flame he touched an overhanging sheet and another and another. His book began to die. A mood came to me, and I covered my eyes that I might not see.

Again I looked along the passageway. Many of the sheets were black and broken; the rest were burning to blackness. A fragment, still white, floated across the people and fell by my side. Unreasoningly I lifted it and placed it in my pocketbook. The mood returned, and I looked from the group by the platform to one and another about the room, and then to the boy and girl lovers in the corner. For moments I watched them as they leaned, then turned and went through the doorway and along the street. From the open windows there followed an uproar of praise. The book of Alistair Kennedy was dead.—Pearson's Weekly.

An Elegant Decoration.

A complete novelty and one that will give an air of brightness and elegance to the hall or boudoir is made simply of a Japanese umbrella, three or four yards of cheap satin ribbon and a little ingenuity. Take a length of firm, thick string and tie the umbrella end round at the degree of openness you wish it to remain. Now line the top with a band of calico or strong brown paper several times folded, catching it at the ribs here and there to keep it in place. Your ribbon must now be arranged, a third of it to hide the string already used, and the remainder to hang the bibelot up by. The ends that hang it should be disposed at equal distances around the umbrella. Fill your novelty with branches of early lilac or hawthorn, which will imbibe sufficient moisture from a small tin can placed in the base of the umbrella, or even with fresh young leaves, and say whether you don't think it a distinctly charming acquisition to your freshly garnished home.

A Buffet Cover.

If you would like a buffet cover with a unique design, look over the pictures of household utensils found in histories or their copies found at the silversmith's or the dealer in ceramics and copy some of the gracefully shaped flagons and dishes for the ends, combining them with graceful scrolls and working the designs in art colors. A handsome all over design for a white linen bedspread consists of the stems of the lily plant curved into scrolls that join lily pods of different sizes. For a green and white room this design may be worked in olives and greens. A beautiful divan pillow of heavy sage green silk is scattered with scarlet poppies in solid work. The entire pillow is crossed by threads of gold couched in places. Cactus blossoms, either natural or conventionalized, make effective designs for large pieces of work that are to be nearly covered by needlework.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The Russian Company.

The Russian company was first projected toward the end of the reign of Edward VI, but had not its perfection till its charter was confirmed by act of parliament under Queen Elizabeth in 1566. The original idea of this company was to trade to China by a northeast passage, but having accidentally discovered Archangel, they concluded a treaty with the czar giving them exclusive privileges for fishing and the sale of oil.

TOBACCO SOPHISTICATIONS.

All Tobacco Treated With "Sauces" to Adapt Them to Varying Tastes.

All tobaccos are treated with sauces before being made up into their commercial form. By this means they are flavored in various ways, so as to adapt them to the tastes of consumers. The tastes of consumers vary in different localities, and to make his goods to suit is the business of the manufacturer. Each manufacturer has his own secret recipes, which are handed down from father to son. Tastes differ even among people of various occupations. Miners, for instance, want a very strong tobacco with a scent and flavor which another class would not relish. Outdoor workers in general like stronger tobacco for smoking and chewing than indoor folks.

All tobaccos, in fact, are doctored. Sometimes it is done in an illegitimate way, for the purpose of deception. Ordinarily, however, it is honest and even necessary. One object of it is to make the tobacco keep better. Without such treatment it would become like so much dry leaves, the aromatic properties passing off. Niter is added to smoking tobacco in order to make it burn well. The leaves intended for chewing are steeped in licorice or other gum in order that the plug shall have the requisite consistency and sweetness. Mucilaginous substances in small quantities are added to cigarette tobacco so that the particles may hold together and not fall out of the paper wrapper. Some pipe tobaccos are heavily charged with perfumes by treating them with essential oils of rose, verbena, citronelle, bergamot, cassia, musk and catechu.

It is not true that cigarettes are commonly charged with opium and other injurious drugs. However, they are flavored with essences of various plants, such as vanilla, stramonium, coffee, valerian and tea. Occasionally a few tea leaves are mixed with the tobacco. These flavors are matters of fancy, and women particularly select their cigarette with reference to them. Scarcely a plant that will yield an agreeable flavoring escapes employment by the manufacturers of tobacco. Among those most used are the lemon, the orange, geranium, sassafras, thyme, anise, mint and cinnamon. Honey and maple sugar are utilized for sweetening. A decoction of hay is sometimes applied to smoking tobacco.

The basis of a "sauce" is nearly always some spirituous liquor—usually rum. Sometimes wine is used. Glycerin is a common ingredient. More or less molasses enters into the composition of much plug tobacco. The rum preserves the tobacco and adds to the flavor of the plug. The plug trade for the United States navy is large, and it is required by the government that the tobacco furnished in this shape for the use of its sailors shall contain no foreign substance except a limited percentage of licorice. Saltpeter is sometimes added to smoking tobacco to make it burn better. The tobacco leaves are dipped into the sauce or else sprinkled with it.—Boston Transcript.

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SCHEDULE IN EFFECT FEB. 6, 1897.

DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTHBOUND.

DAILY 9.35 A M — No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 10.53 a m, Warsaw 11.11 a m, Goldsboro 12.01 a m, Wilson 12.46 p m, Rocky Mount 1.30 p m, Tarboro 2.30 p m, Weldon 3.30 p m, Petersburg 5.54 p m, Richmond 6.50 p m, Norfolk 8.05 p m, Washington 11.10 p m, Baltimore 12.58 a m, Philadelphia 2.45 p m, New York 6.58 a m, †Boston 3.00 p m.

DAILY 7.15 P M — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.55 p m, Warsaw 9.10 p m, Goldsboro 10.10 p m, Wilson 11.06 p m, †Tarboro 6.45 a m, Rocky Mount 11.55 p m, Weldon 1.44 a m, †Norfolk 10.30 a m, Petersburg 3.34 a m, Richmond 4.30 a m, Washington 7.41 a m, Baltimore 9.05 a m, Philadelphia 11.35 a m, New York 2.38 p m, Boston 6.30 p m.

SOUTHBOUND:

DAILY 3.25 P M — No. 35—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.32 p m, Chadbourn 5.04 p m, Marion 6.05 p m, Florence 6.45 p m, Sumter 8.45 p m, Columbia 10.05 p m, Denmark 6.30 a m, Augusta 8.10 a m, Macon 11.00 a m, Atlanta 12.15 p m, Charleston 10.30 p m, Savannah 12.50 a m, Jacksonville 7.30 a m, St. Augustine 10.30 a m, Tampa 5.55 p m.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.45 P M — No. 45—Passenger—Leave †Boston 1.55 p m, †New York 9.00 p m, Philadelphia 12.05 a m, Baltimore 2.50 a m, Washington 4.30 a m, Richmond 9.05 a m, Petersburg 10.00 a m, Norfolk 8.40 a m, Weldon 11.55 a m, Tarboro 12.55 p m, Rocky Mount 2.45 p m, Wilson 3.35 p m, Goldsboro 5.10 p m, Warsaw 6.08 p m, Magnolia 6.16 p m.

DAILY 9.30 a m — No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 7.15 night, New York 2.40 a m, Philadelphia 12.00 p m, Baltimore 1.25 p m, Washington 3.46 p m, Richmond 7.30 p m, Petersburg 8.18 p m, †Norfolk 5.20 p m, Weldon 9.40 p m, †Tarboro 6.05 p m, Rock Mount 8.45 a m, leave Wilson 6.30 a m, Goldsboro 7.06 a m, Warsaw 7.53 a m, Magnolia 8.10 a m.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 12.15 p m — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 9.35 a m, Sanford 2.19 p m, Jacksonville 7.00 p m Savannah 12.45 night, Charleston 5.30 a m, Columbia 5.50 a m, Atlanta 7.15 a m, Macon 9.00 a m, Augusta 2.45 p m, Denmark 4.55 p m, Sumter 6.45 a m, Florence 8.55 a m, Marion 9.34 a m, Chadbourn 10.35 a m, Lake Waccamaw 11.06 a m.

†Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 4.10 p m, Halifax 4.38 p m, arrive Scotland Neck 5.20 p m, Greenville 6.07 p m, Kinston 7.50 p m. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.55 a m, Greenville 8.53 a m, Arriving Halifax at 11.33 a m, Weldon 11.45 a m, daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 6.30 a m and 2.00 p m, arrive Parmele 9.10 a m and 5.40 p m; returning leave Parmele 10.10 a m and 6.30 p m, arrives Washington 11.25 a m and 7.30 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily at 5.30 p m, arrives Plymouth 7.50 p m. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily at 7.30 a m., Arrive Tarboro 10.05 a m.

Train on Midland N C Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7.10 a m; arrive Smithfield, N. C., 8.45 a m. Returning, leaves Smithfield 9.00 a m, arrive Goldsboro, N. C., 10.35 a m.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 p m, arrives Nashville 5.05 p m, Spring Hope 5.30 p m. Returning leaves Spring Hope 5 a m, Nashville 5.25 a m; arrive Rocky Mount 9.05 a m, daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton Daily except Sunday at 11.15 a m and 4.10 p m; returning leave Clinton at 7.00 a m, and 5.00 p m.

Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 9.10 a m, arrive Latta 9.30 a m, Dillon 9 43 a m, Rowland 10 05 a m, returning leaves Rowland 5 38 p m, arrives Dillon 5.56 p m, Latta 6.09 p m, Pee Dee 6.30 p m, daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 8.30 a m, Chadbourn 10.40 a m, arrive Conway 1.00 p m, leave Conway 2 25 p m, Chadbourn 5.30 p m, arrive Hub 6.00 p m, Daily except Sunday.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 6 43 p m, Manning 7.10 p m, arrive Lane's 7 48 p m, leave Lanes 8.36 a m, Manning 9.05 a m, arrive Sumter 9.53 a m, Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lanes 9.30 a m, 7.10 p m, arrive Georgetown 12 m, 8.30 p m, leave Georgetown 7 a m, 6 p m, arrive Lanes 8.35 a m, 5.35 p m, Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence daily except Sunday 8 55 a m, arrive Darlington 9 26 a m, Cheraw 10 40 a m. Wadesboro 2 25 p m, leave Florence daily except Sunday 5.10 p m, arrive Darlington 5.40 p m., Hartsville 7.5 p m, Bennettsville 9.36 p m, Gibson 10 p m. Leave Florence Sunday only 9 a m, arrive Darlington 9.27 a m, Hartsville 10 10 p m.

Leave Gibson daily except Sunday 6 15 a m, Bennettsville 6 41 a m, arrive Darlington 7 40 a m. Leave Hartsville daily except Sunday 6 30 a m, arrive Darlington 7 15 a m, leave Darlington 7 45 a m, arrive Florence 8 15 a m. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 3 p m, Cheraw 5 15 p m, Darlington 6 27 p m, arrive Florence 6 55 p m. Leave Hartsville Sunday only 7 a m, Darlington 7 45 a m, arrive Florence 8 10 a m.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 8.06 p m, 11.16 p m, arrive Selma 9.50 p m, Smithfield 2.56 p m, Dunn 3.35 p m, Fayetteville 4.15 p m. 1.10 a m, Rowland 5.30 p m, returning leave Rowland 10.00 a m, Fayetteville 11.30 a m, 10.20 p m, Dunn 12.07 a m, Smithfield 12.49 p m, Selma 1.00 p m, arrive Wilson 1.43 p m, 12.10 a m.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad train leaves Sumter 4.30 a m, Creston 5 25 a m, arrive Denmark 6.20 a m. Returning leave Denmark 4 55 p m, Creston 5 47 p m, Sumter 6 40 p m Daily.

Pregnalls Branch train leaves Creston 5 45 a m, arrive Pregnalls 9.15 a m. Returning leaves Pregnalls 10 p m; arrives Creston 3 50 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliott 11.10 a m and 7.40 p m, arrive Lucknow 1 p m and 8.45 p m. Returning leave Lucknow 6 05 a m and 2.00 p m, arrive Elliott 8.35 a m and 3.30 p m.

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H. M. EMERSON,
Gen'l Passenger Agent.

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W., N. & N. Railway.

In Effect Sunday, May 17, 1896
DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.

NORTH BOUND		STATIONS.	SOUTH BOUND	
No. 43	No. 45		No. 44	No. 46
A M	P M	—WILMINGTON—	P M	P M
		Lv...Mulberry street...Ar	12 40	
7 00	3 10	Lv....Surry street....Ar	12 30	3 26
9 50		Ar....Jacksonville....Lv		12 05
11 00	4 55	Lv	10 48	10 35
11 55	4 30	Lv...Maysville.....Lv	10 09	9 18
12 30	4 44	Lv...Pollocksville....Lv	9 55	8 55
1 30	5 2	Ar...Newbern.....Lv	9 20	8 00
	P M		A M	A M

Nos. 5 and 6 mixed trains
Nos. 7 and 8 passenger trains.
Trains 3 and 4 p m make connection with trains on A. & N. C. R. R. for Morehead City and Beaufort.
Connection with Steamer Neuse at Newbern to and from Elizabeth City and Norfolk Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
Steamer Geo. D. Purdy makes daily trips between Jacksonville and New River points.
*Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
‡Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
†Daily except Sunday.

H. A. WHITING,
General Manager.

J. W. MARTENIS,
Traffic Manager. may 22 tf

Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad

Time Table.

In Effect Wednesday, May 27th, 1896.

GOING EAST.			GOING WEST.	
3 Passenger Daily Ex Sunday.		STATIONS.	4 Passenger Daily Ex Sunday.	
Arrive	Leave		Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	3 30	Goldsboro	11 35	.....
.....	4 12	Kinston	10 56	.....
5 15	5 35	Newbern	9 17	9 30
6 27	6 42	Morehead City...	8 01	8 07
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.35 a m, and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 p m, and with W. N. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 2.00 p m, and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 p m. No. 1 train also connects with W. N. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SATURDAY MORNING, FEB. 27, 1897

DECLINES THE HONOR.

Col. John J. McCook Refuses to Accept Portfolio of Secretary of the Interior.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—The *Evening Sun* says: It was announced in the city to-day that Col. John J. McCook has positively declined to enter the Cabinet of President McKinley as Secretary of the Interior. The announcement is also made that while Gen. Stewart L. Woodford is still a candidate for a Cabinet place with the endorsement of the regular Republican organization, the chances are that New York will not be represented in the Cabinet.

When Maj McKinley first asked Col. McCook to become a member of the Cabinet no particular portfolio was mentioned. A friend of Col. McCook said to-day that he expected that he would be asked to serve as Attorney General and this place he would have accepted. But within a day or two the Colonel received a letter asking him to accept the post of Secretary of the Interior. This, it is understood, he promptly and positively declined.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Wheat, Corn and Oats Lower—Provisions Higher.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—May wheat opened from 74⅛@75⅝c@74⅝c, sold at 74⅞ and 73⅝c, closing at 74⅛@74¼c, ⅝c under yesterday. Cash wheat was irregular, closing ⅛c under yesterday.

May corn opened at 24¼c, sold between 24⅜@23⅝c, closing at 23⅞@24c. ⅜c under yesterday. Cash corn was steady, the nominal closing being easy with the futures.

May oats closed ¼@⅜c under yesterday. Cash oats were steady, closing nominally easy.

The prevailing dullnes in other speculative markets penetrated that of product early. No trade that in any way savored of importance or significance was noted. Prices were a little lower, in tribute to a weak hog market. Later in the day prices firmed up on buying by a prominent packer and commission houses representing English interests. May pork closed 5@7½c higher; May lard a shade higher and May ribs 2½c higher.

SPOTS AND FUTURES.

Net Receipts at the Ports—New York Sun's Review of the Cotton Market.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—The following are the total net receipts at the ports since Sept. 1, 1896: Galveston, 1,237,792 bales; New Orleans, 1,838,099; Mobile, 267,798; Savannah, 745,938; Charleston, 378,207; Wilmington, 230,157; Norfolk, 643,679; Baltimore, 51,605; New York, 97,844; Boston, 138,157; Newport News, 9,880; Philadelphia, 80,837; West Point, 60; Brunswick, 90,235; Port Royal, 58,767; Pensacola, 49,237; Texas City, 46,623. Total, 5,889,870.

The *Sun* says: Spot cotton here advanced 1-16c, with sales of 810 bales for spinning and 100 delivered on contract. Middling uplands 7 5 16c, against 7 13-16c last year.

The principal factor in the speculation to-day was the strength and activity of Liverpool. Cables from that market report futures and spots higher, with the sales of spots the largest for a long time past. Prices here responded to the rise in that market. Then, too, Liverpool bought here, and the South sent buying orders.

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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

Of Stocks, Receipts and Exports of Cotton.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—The following is the comparative cotton statement for the week ending Feb. 26:

	1897	1896
Net receipts at all United States ports during the week...	84,451	94,808
Total receipts to this date.....	5,889,870	4,389,149
Exports for the week	110,270	136,847
Total exports to this date.....	457,660	4,576,660
Stock in all United States ports.....	907,988	806,151
Stock at all interior towns.....	360,012	393,818
Stock in Liverpool,..	1,438,000	1,150,000
American afloat for Great Britain.....	165,000	170,000

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, February 26.—Rosin steady; strained common to good $1 70. Spirits turpentine firmer at 29@29½c.

CHARLESTON, February 26.—Spirits turpentine dull at 26c; sales — casks. Rosin—sales of — barrels; A, B, C, D, E $1 35, F $1 40, G $1 45, H $1 50, I $1 60, K $1 70, M $1 80, N $1 85, W G $1 90, W W $2 05.

SAVANNAH, February 26.—Spirits turpentine firm at 27c, with sales of 191 casks; receipts 185 casks. Rosin firm and unchanged; sales 751 barrels; receipts 38 barrels.

A special to the Chicago *Tribune* from Boise, Idaho, says affidavits have been prepared (and more, it is said, will be secured) to show that the election of Senator Heitfeld was brought about by corrupt methods. The most sensational of these affidavits is made by Rev. Mr. Jones, of Elmore county, who swears that he was bribed to vote for Heitfeld

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SENATE AND HOUSE.

THE SANGUILLY CASE CREATED AN EXCITING DEBATE.

President Cleveland Denounced — Indian Appropriation Bill Taken Up — Bill Passed Hodse For Representation of the United States at Any International Monetary Conference.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—The Senate had the Indian Appropriation bill before it throughout all of to-day's session, but that fact did not prevent the Cuba and Sanguilly case from being fought over, even in a more angry and excited manner than it had been yesterday. At the very opening Mr. Frye (Republican, of Maine) referred to the dispatch announcing Sanguilly's release to-day and deprecated further discussion of the matter, saying that for his part he did not believe in wasting powder simply for the purpose of making a noise.

The Sanguilly resolution having been sent to the calendar, two other resolutions as to victims of Spanish cruelty were offered — one by Mr. Morgan, of Alabama, Democrat, in the case of George Washington Aguirre and one by Mr. Call in relation to the suicide, or murder of Dr. Ricardo Ruiz. As to Aguirre, there were some comments upon his baptismal name—Mr Morgan assuming that it gave to Aguirre an additional claim upon American sympathy, and Mr. Lindsay, of Kentucky, Democrat, asserting that his surrender, under a proclamation of amnesty, was an un-George Washington act. A letter from Mr. Ethan Allen, of New York, vouching for the young man, was read, and Mr. Hoar was led, in a jocular mood, to inquire, with an air of gravity, whether that was the Ethan Allen of the Revolution. Mr. Morgan said he was the grandson of the revolutionary hero, and another Senator added information that he was the president of the Cuban Junta, of New York.

The storm broke out again through the Sanguilly matter and Senators White of California, Democrat, and Lodge of Massachusetts, Republican, had some delicate sparring in which Mr. White spoke ironically of Mr. Lodge as one of the great men of the world and as knowing more about Spanish pronunciation than all other Spanish scholars known. This was provoked by Mr. Lodge's sneering at Mr. White for pronouncing "Julio" as "Hulio." Mr. Lodge retaliated by imputing envy to the California Senator because his long speech yesterday had not enthused the galleries.

When Mr. Hale of Maine, Republican, appealed to Senators to lay aside all extraneous discussions and confine themselves to the business of appropriation bills for the six remaining days of the session (saying that he expected the Senate to sit on Sunday), he was cruelly ridiculed by Mr. Morgan and told that he ought to start on a regular tour of lecturing if he could find a lot of school children for his audience. The Alabama Senator was in a very unconciliatory mood. He refused angrily and with every remark of disrespect to permit either Senator Hoar or Senator Hale to interject a remark into his speech; but he reserved his bitterest words for President Cleveland, whom he described contemptuously as having been down "on his hunkers" praying Spain to release Sanguilly; also, as "a sluggard, sleeping and snoring while Americans suffered."

Mr. Morgan was on the floor over an hour. After he resumed his seat the bitterness flowed out of the debate. Instead of it there was a witty passage between Senators Daniel of Virginia, Democrat, and Gray of Delaware, Democrat. When the former used the Spanish word incommunicado, Mr. Gray assumed ignorance of its meaning, and said he did not talk Spanish. With a pleasant and gracious smile, Mr. Daniel excused himself and said that he thought that the Senator from Delaware had just been talking very good Spanish. This polite retort (with its unexpressed but well understood meaning) provoked an outburst of laughter on the floor and in the galleries, which were crowded all the day.

In the pleasanter turn which the discussion had thus taken the Cuban question was permitted to subside, and the actual consideration of the Indian Appropriation bill was resumed.

The bill had not passed when at 6 p. m. a recess was taken until 7.30.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The interpretation to be placed upon the declaration of the platform of the Republican National Convention regarding the securing of an international bimetallic agreement was the subject of an animated and, at times, exciting debate in the House to-day. The result was that, so far as the record showed, but three Republicans were of the opinion that the party was committed to the single gold standard. These were Messrs. Henry, of Connecticut; Johnson, of Indiana, and Quigg, of New York. Mr. Knox, of Massachusetts, arrayed himself in support of the other gentlemen, but being paired, did not vote. Mr. Hill of Connecticut, later, stated that had he been present he would have felt it a matter of conscience and duty to stand with them. The debate was had upon the Senate bill providing for the representation of the United States at any international conference to be held for the purpose of reaching an agreement to fix the relative value of gold and silver, reported from the Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures, and upon which Mr. C. W. Stone of Pennsylvania, Republican, moved to suspend the rules and pass.

The bill was passed on a yea and nay vote—279 to 8.

At 5 35 the House adjourned.

LYNCHING IN TENNESSEE.

A Negro Rapist and Murderer Hanged by a Mob.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., Feb. 26.—Corrected details of the lynching of the negro Charley Brown at Soddy last night were received to-day. Yesterday afternoon Miss Ellen Walker, the pretty 19-year-old stepdaughter of H. D. Varner, a highly respected farmer living near Soddy, was going home, having been to a neighbor's house. She was grabbed at a lonely spot by Brown, a negro, who told her not to scream and drew a pistol. The girl, after a fearful struggle, freed herself from his grasp and ran screaming down the road. The negro fled and hid in a barn. He was soon surrounded by a posse of officers. Deputy John Sadler went up in the loft, and when his head projected above the ladder he was fatally shot by Brown. The negro was finally arrested, and a mob quickly formed and took the trembling wretch from the officers' hands and swung him to a tree. The negro miners are highly incensed over the lynching of Brown, and have formed a mob and threaten vengeance on the lynchers. A serious trouble is expected.

Both branches of the Louisville, Ky., City Council have passed an ordinance prohibiting women from wearing hats in theatres and public halls. Mayor Todd will sign the bill.

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ALLEGED MURDER OF RUIZ.

Spanish Government Making Thorough Investigation of the Affair—His American Citizenship Settled Beyond a Doubt.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Official cablegrams from Madrid received at the Spanish Legation regarding the death of Ruiz show that the Government is aroused to most energetic action and orders have gone forward to Cuba to have a most thorough investigation into the affair. This is regardless of the question of Ruiz's nationality, for whether he is an American or not, the Government has determined that if a crime has been committed those guilty shall be punished. In the meantime no efforts are being spared to determine whether Ruiz was an American citizen or not and under both the State Department and the Legation authorities the records are being searched. So far it can only be found that Ruiz, then a dental student, took out his first papers, declaring intention, in Philadelphia, December 19, 1877. This was near the close of the last revolution. He soon graduated as a dentist and returned to Guanabacoa in 1890, where he practiced ever since. It cannot be learned that he ever returned to the United States, nor does it appear that he lived here long enough to acquire naturalization. However, the Madrid Government will push the investigation of his death just as forcibly as possible, and if the charges are correct, that the doctor was killed or driven to suicide by his jailors, the severest punishment of military law will be executed on those responsible.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 26.—Ricardo Ruiz de Ugarrio, or Ricardo Ruiz, as he was lately known, and who is said to have been beaten to death in a Spanish prison in Cuba, was an American citizen. He was naturalized in this city. The fact was alleged some time ago, and today a record of his naturalization was found in the prothonotary's office. Under his full name Ruiz declared his intention of becoming a citizen of the United States on December 19th, 1877 and the final naturalization papers were granted January 21st, 1880. When he came to this country the man called himself simply Ruiz. He was naturalized in open court by Judge Thomas K. Finletter. The papers were regularly indexed under the name Ugarrio and when the controversy was begun over his nationality the name Ruiz could not be found. The discovery to-day, however, removed all doubts on the subject.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

Steamer Dauntless Not Allowed to Leave Port—Nomination of W. W. Clark, of North Carolina, Will Not be Acted Upon.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 26.—A renewal of the applicationfor permission to allow the Dauntless to proceed from Jacksonville to Fernandina without condition other than the presence of a Federal officer on board was made to the Treasury Department to-day. It is unlikely that the Department will change its first decision. It is suspected that a combination of filibustering expeditions is being planned. The Bermuda was reported to have left Bermuda for Fernandina several days ago and the officers of the revenue patrol are on the lookout for her. As Fernandina is also the proposed destination of the Dauntless, the Department officials think there is good ground for proceeding with the utmost care in dealing with the steamers suspected of being engaged in filibustering operations.

The Republicans on the Committee of the Judiciary of the Senate have practically notified their Democratic associates that the nomination of Jas. L. Wolcott, to be District Judge for the District of Delaware, and Wm. W. Clark, of North Carolina, to be District Judge for the District of North Carolina, cannot be confirmed. In the special meeting of the committee this morning Mr. Hill endeavored to have these nominations acted upon, but failed. The Republicans said there were charges against both men, and that the time was not sufficient to enable them to investigate the subject. They declined to permit the cases to be taken up, and in this they were joined by Senator Pugh (Democrat, of Alabama). The Democrats will make another effort, but have little hope of getting either of the nominees through.

The House Committee on Judiciary to-day favorably reported a bill which makes it a misdemeaner for any person to transmit by any telegraph or telephone company any dispatch from one State or Territory into another State or Territory relating to lotteries, pool-selling, book-making or gambling. The first offence is punishable by imprisonment for not more than two years, or by a fine of not more than $1 000, or both. It further provides that no common carrier or corporation or employe thereof shall transmit such dispatches, and for every infraction of the law they also shall be subject to the foregoing penalty.

FROM HAVANA.

Consul General Lee Instructed to Act Cautiously—Julio Sanguilly Released—Duel Declared Off.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

HAVANA, Feb. 26.—It is understood here that Secretary Olney, as further evidence of his and President Cleveland's friendship for Spain, has instructed Consul General Lee to act with caution in his dealings with the Spanish authorities, and to spare no effort to avert further friction with them. By Spaniards here this is taken to mean that General Lee, to meet the approbation of his superiors in office, must not be as persistent as he has been heretofore in pressing for a recognition of rights of American citizens.

It is reported that the reason why Gen. Lee still holds his post is that he has been induced to do so by private intimations from a high Republican that he will be supported by the incoming Republican administration in upholding American rights and honor.

Julio Sanguilly, the American citizen, who was twice sentenced to imprisonment for life on the charge of being a rebel, which charge was never proved against him, was released this afternoon, the Queen Regent having pardoned him, much to the chagrin of those who were instrumental in bringing about his convictions. He at once left the Cabanas fortress where he had been confined awaiting the result of his appeal against his sentence, and started for his home. He was naturally highly elated to be at liberty again after being confined for over two years, and he was so anxious to get to his family that he did not have time to talk about his experience. He will leave to-morrow for the United States with his family, travelling by way of Tampa. It is reported that he has promised never to return to Cuba.

The threatened duel between Senor Morote, the correspondent of *El Liberal*, of Madrid, and Senor San Miguel, editor of *La Lucha*, of this city, growing out of the latter's comments on the action of Senor Morote in visiting the camp of Maximo Gomez, where he learned officially that the rebel leader would not accept the Cuban reforms, will not take place, the seconds of both having decided that Senor Morote's challenge was not justified.

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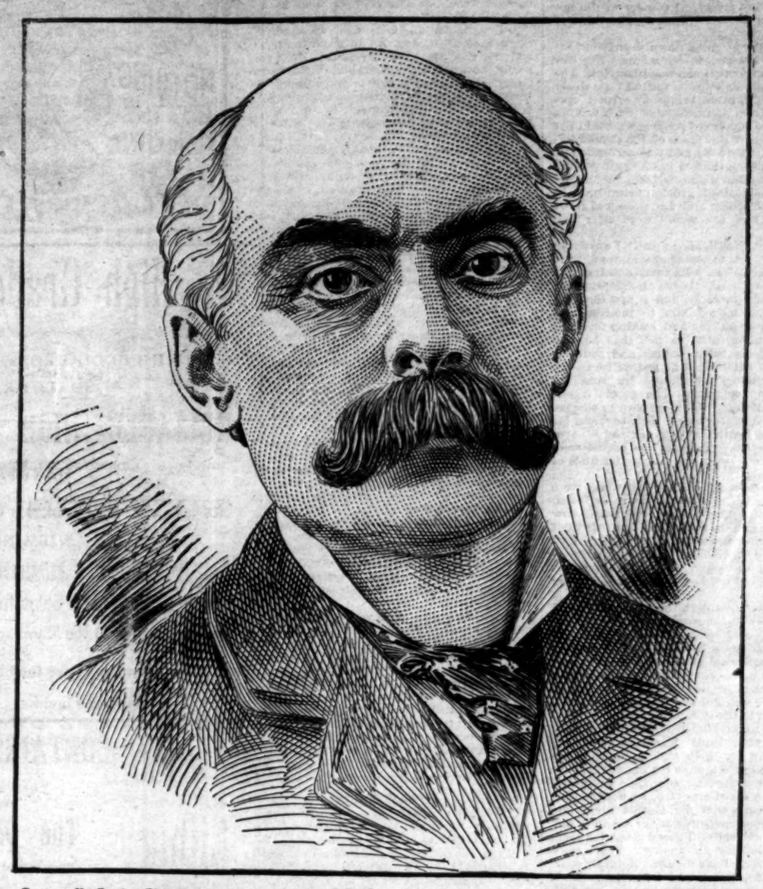

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GREECE STILL DEFIANT.

Official Opinion Strongly Favors Resistance to the Demands of the Powers.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

ATHENS, February 26.—The popular indignation against the great Powers shows no sign of waning, and if the people had their way they would fight with arms in their hands against the combined forces of Europe in defence of their right to protect the Christians in Crete. It is not alone among the people that this feeling prevails. Parliamentary and official opinion strongly favors resistance to the demands made by the Powers. The joint note addressed to the Greek Government has not yet been delivered, and the delay is unexplained. Only the Russian, Austrian and German Ministers have been instructed by their Governments concerning the note.

It is reported that one of the Powers have withdrawn from the concert. If this is true it will leave matters in *statu quo* and will break up the concert, the efforts of which have been directed to overawing Greece by threats.

WARM WIRELETS.

Treasury balances: coin $199,674,973; currency $60,765,848.

Ex-State Senator A. E. Herbert, of Norfolk, Va., fell dead while dancing at a german at the Masonic Temple in this city last night. He was 48 years old.

Charles L. Todd, president and principal owner of and reciever for the Gallego Mills Company, Richmond, Va., late yesterday evening made a personal assignment for the benefit of creditors nameing Samuel Register as trustee. The liabilities are put at $139,000.

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SHOES—We have received a big supply of new Shoes at hard times prices. We can fit your feet with nice neat fine Dongola Pat. Tip Ladies' Shoes from 3's to 7's for $1 00 a pair, nice honest Shoes and very pretty goods. Our line at $1 25 for ladies and gentlemen is very nice and wear well. If you need Shoes at any price come and see us.

HOSE—Gent's Fast Black well made Hose at 10 and 15c per pair.

Come and see us at 112 North Front street, opposite the Orton Hotel.

Geo. O. Caylord, Prop.,

feb 21 tf Of Wilmington's Big Racket Store.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

OPENING OF THE

Excelsior Shoe Store.

We beg to announce we will open to day a

First Class Shoe Store

in the Pearsall Building, corner Fourth and Campbell streets, where we will keep GOOD RELIABLE SHOES.

New Store! New Stock!!

UP-TO-DATE AND RELIABLE.

Respectfully,

EXCELSIOR SHOE STORE.

LEVI McMILLAN, Manager.
PETERSON & RULFS, Proprietors.
Corner Fourth and Campbell streets. feb 25 tf

REMNANTS! REMNANTS!

Remnants of 10c Bleaching, 6¼c.
Remnants of 7c Unbleaching, 5c.
Remnants of 10c Ribbons, 5c.
Remnants of 15c Ribbons, 9c.
Remnants of 25c Ribbons, 14c.
Remnants of Dress Goods one-half regular price.
Remnants of Carpets, pretty styles, splendid for Rugs, less than cost.
Few Capes and Jackets, very low price.
Large spools Crochet Silk, 5c.

Job lot Spool Cotton, 1c.
Some new items in our Shoe Department.
Five hundred Children Suits just received, the latest styles, Prices from 85c to $4.50. Greatest values ever received.
Big stock of of Men and Boy's Sweaters, from 25c to $1 50, with large collars.
One hundred and twenty-five Scrivans' Canton Flannel Drawers, 89c.
Men's Heavy Pants, 50c and upwards.

Give us a call, it will pay you. Bell 'Phone 118. Inter-State 218.

J. H. REHDER & CO.,

Nos. 617 and 619 North Fourth Street,

Car Fare Paid on Purchases of $2.00 and upwards. feb 14 tf

KID GLOVES.

A DOLLAR KID GLOVE

IN BROWN AND TAN,

four large buttons and stitched backs

for 59c per pair.

WHITE OR CREAM KID GLOVES,

plain or black stitched, former price

$1.25, now selling for 98

cents per pair.

FINE BLACK KID GLOVES

were $1.25, now selling at 98 cents

per pair.

Corsets.

The balance of our 50c Corsets for

39c per pair.

A dollar Featherbone Corset for 75c

per pair,

and all the leading makes at equally

low prices, at

TAYLOR'S BAZAAR,

feb 21 tf 118 Market St.

Wines and Liquors.

Just Received

A large stock of the following

Wines & Liquors:

Native N. C. Scuppernong Wine.
Cooking Sherry Wine.
Duff Gordon's Wine, imported
G. H. Mumm's Champagne.
Werner's Champagne.
Cochrane & Cantrel's Ginger Ale.
Bass' Ale.
Guiness' Stout
Old Breezeland Rye.
Pure native North Carolina Mountain Corn Whiskey.
Apple and Peach Brandy.
At low prices. Give us a call.

SOL. BEAR,

No. 18 Market Street,

dec 23 tf Wilmington, N. C.

SEASONABLE GOODS.

Jute Bagging,

Arrow Ties,

Cheese, Crackers, Cakes, Salmon, Sardines, Oysters,

Full and complete stock of

HEAVY AND FANCY GROCERIES

LOWEST CASH PRICES.

Don t fail to see us before buying.

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